Apr. 17 goes to Monrovia

Aug 1st 1,, Are there winds ever

June 5th mixed with black

" 25th rains in ye Tropics?

July 11th 2,, The names of the

" 28 "girls

Aug 24 "

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Springfield

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Departure to

Africa.

Jan 20th 1860
Springfield O.

Having now made all arrangements for my departure for Baltimore — thence to sail for Western Africa — I first of all wish here to record my gratitude to Allmighty God for his goodness heretofore — to cast myself as unworthy & helpless upon his mercy & ardently to pray if it be his will to prosper my work & bring me in safety again to my dear wife & children. This I ask in the name of our adorable Redeemer — Amen.

Jan. 21st Saturday — Rose at 2 O'clock this morning & after a brief prayer with my dear wife & eldest little girl bade them farewell & repaired to the depot, where I took the cars for Delaware, expecting to

reach my Mother's at Holmes-
ville O. & there to spend the
Sabbath. Owing to an accident
on the R. R. however I could
go no farther than Worster O.
Here I lodged with bro. Baltzley
my first Roommate at College
& always my firm friend.
Jan. 22nd Sunday. Preached at
Worster for bro. Baltzley.
Jan. 23rd Monday. Accompanied
by bro. B. I visited my Mother
sisters & bro. who had come
home to meet me.
Jan 24th Tues. Bade farewell to
my dear Mother & other friends
& returning to Worster took the
Lectured to Rev. Pepers School afternoon
night train for Pittsburgh.
Jan 25th Wed. Reached Pittsburgh
at daylight & wishing to see a
few brethren stopped for the day.
It is hard thus slowly to go on
my way from my dear family.

Could more easily [hasten] away & at once embark for my field of labor. Lectured at Lutheran Church Pittsburgh & at the close received from those present $17. to purchase a new Silver Watch for the Mission.

Thurs. Jan. 26 Took the cars at 3 O'clock for Baltimore & reached that place same night at 7 O'clock. Found some half dozen letters from various persons.

Frid Jan. 27th Called this morning at Dr. Hall's Office & learned that the Palmas will not sail till about the 10th of next month.

Sat. Jan. 28th Today I learned from Mr. Hall that the Palmas will not likely sail before the 15th & may be delayed even longer than to that time. I

am much perplexed by these repeated delays & disappointments. Have I erred in my undertaking, or in the manner of prosecuting it? Surely there is an over-ruling Providence & what mean these frequent hinderances! O, God my Father direct me in this my perplexity!

Sund. Jan. 29th Morning addressed the S. S. at Lombard St. Church & preached on the mission subject at the same place — the contribution was small. Afternoon spoke briefly to Br. Morris' S. S. & at night preached in his church — attendance very small — spoke with difficulty & with little apparent effect. Retired with a heavy heart to think of being thus separated from my family & yet accomplishing so little

for the cause. If I were conscious of doing something worth while I could bear the trial of separation better - God help me to be patient & resigned & to persevere in the right.

Mond. Jan. 30th Received a letter from my dear wife this morning - She seems to be somewhat cheerful & all are tolerably well. But I know she feels deeply the separation. My dear little ones too long for my return.

Tues. Jan 31st Still at Baltimore - No arrival of the vessel bringing from Eng. the freight which our vessel here is to take in. I feel sad. Wrote to Buehler & Howard, Revs. Sendeling, Goodlin, Stewart, Emery, & Mr. Hugard. Visited Dr. Mc. Ron to see about making an effort in behalf of the Mission in his church - He could not

give me any encouragement. I am heartily tired of this kind of labor. But I will still try to do my duty.

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Wed. 1st Still at Baltimore making some purchases for the mission. Wrote Eugene & to Rev. J. K. Barker. Lectured at night in Rev. Mr. Cross's Church.

Thurs. 2nd Baltimore— made some collections & some purchases of outfit— Wrote to Mr. W. J. Cheyney Agt. Am. S. S. Union Phila. Pa. & to Rev. G. F. Stelling.

Frid 3rd Baltimore making purchases of outfit & material for building

Sat. 4th At Baltimore till Evening then left to York Pa. Called on bro. Chas. Morris who not only received

me very kindly, but also went with me to the ministerial brethren to see about my preaching tomorrow in their churches. Lodged with bro. Morris.

Sund. 5th Morning preached for Rev. Lilly, Afternoon Lectured to two S. Schools — Evening preached for Rev. Oswald. I took no collection but each of these brethren as well as Br. Lochman agreed to make an effort among their people in behalf of our mission.

Mond. 6th Went over to Wrightsville to attend Conference — Preached there at night.

Tues. 7th Still at Wrightsville Lectured in the evening to colored people & also Spoke briefly to the people in our church after one of the brethren had preached — Got a collection of $5.75. Lodged with that very kind bro Raby.

Wed. 8th Returned to Baltimore & found a few letters awaiting my arrival — One from my dear wife informs me that our dear bro. James Smith has been very severely perhaps fatally injured by being thrown from a buggy in Cincinnati. How sad I feel in consequence of this intelligence! He has been all along both able & willing to afford aid & support to our aged father & mother, & as they are now very feeble & have not the means of support this occurrence troubles me the more on this account.

Thurs. 9 to Sat 11th At Baltimore making purchases of outfit, building material &c. Settling up bills. Sat. This morning had a letter from Susan. Br. James is better. I hope he may recover. My dear wife wrote so cheerfully

that her letters have strengthened me for duty.

Sund 12. Preached in the morning in the church at Leitersville & in the evening lectured at the same place & received a contribution of $25. Very good for the small number present. Lodged with bro. Weiley. During the day had a pleasant time at the home of a Quaker, F. S. Cockran. A very agreeable man.

Mond. 13 Returned to Baltimore

Tues. 14 to Sat. 18th at Baltimore busy Purchasing Boxing & Shipping articles for the Mission & in arrangin accounts & writing letters. Some good letters from my dear wife that have cheered & strengthened me.

Sunday 19th Evening had a sort of farewell Missionary Meeting at Dr. Morris Church - Only a few in attendance, no collection was taken

Dr. Morris had the management of the meeting — I retired to bed Sad & disheartened — not because I as an individual have not been well treated, for I have been very kindly received, & all those business men ~~with~~ from whom I have made purchases have all been very obliging, but I have failed to interest the people of our church here generally.

Mond. 20 at Balt.

Tues. 21st Busy settling bills, Getting my boat equippage completed & put on board. Wrote quarterly Report

Wed. 22 Rose early — at Mr. Beis=enrings — Franklin House, Put on board our baggage — Returned to the Office — made out a Report of expenses of all the purchases & Shipping — Freight & Fare of Bro. Weigard & myself — wrote home & to Geo. Harrison to whom I sent

the Reports. Preached at night in the Lombard St. Church — a rainy evening only a few out. Lodged at Br. Morris'.

Thurs. 23rd This morning rose early, wrote a short article for the Observer & a copy of the same for the Missionary; then repaired to the wharf where I took a boat for the vessel, Brig Palmas, — Wrote letters to my wife, Messrs. Martin Buehler, & Rev. J. Z. Senderling; my brother, my mother & Prof. Stoever. We are now at anchor (11 o'clock at night) in the Chesapeak Bay perhaps 15 mi. from Baltimore. Nothing of note occurred today. Mr. Hall the owner of the vessel came on board remained an hour or more, & returned taking my letters. We have only three passengers — bro. Weigerd, bro. Thompson a native of

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Liberia who returns home, & myself. Our vessel is small only about 178 tons, but is new & apparently strong & safe. Capt. Morgan – First mate Mr Scott & Second mate Mr Coleman are the officers.

Frid. 24th This forenoon we lay most of the becalmed near Anapolis. Afternoon, with a light wind came slowly down past that place & the night being very dark & rainy, are now at anchor, awaiting the morning light. I have been reading most of the day. Have written none.

Sat. 25th Night 9½ Oclock. Sailing rapidly, with numerous small vessels about us. Now near mouth of Rappahannock River. Wrote letters today to my wife & each of the two little girls, to Dr. Sprecher, Mr. Huffman Mr. Hall & Annie Selkirk. Have read some.

Sund 26th This morning encountering a head wind we put into a place called Mob Jack Bay and anchored to await a favorable wind for going to Sea. The wind has been light most of the day — the Sky clear & the temperature moderate At 11 O clock we invited all into the cabin for religious Services, most of them come. After Singing & prayer I read a portion of Scripture & commented on parts of it for a brief time — all Seemed attentive. I have thought much today of my dear wife & children. O what pleasure would it afford me to See them. But I will try to be contented & happy & go forward in duty with a cheerful Spirit.

Mond. 27. Hampden Roads — Sewells Point, at anchor, in view of Old Fort. This evening the Pilot bade us farewell & left us, & as the wind was

not favorable for clearing the coast we anchored to await a favorable change. I sent by the ~~boat~~ Pilot what letters I had written wrote a brief farewell to my dear wife. I do not feel sad but long for home my wife & little ones. How dear they all are to me! We hope to have a favorable wind to leave to-morrow.

Tues. 28 Still at anchor in Hampden Roads. No wind today Atmosphere clear, dry & warm. The Scene today was one of quiet beauty enlivened now & then by the passage of a Steamboat. Old Point of Comfort behind which the Ship sent out by James the 1st in 1607 & bearing the first Colonists who settled at Jamestown, anchored is in full view & the Fortification there seems to be in good order. We can also see at various points along the coast the houses

of the planters, & the slaves owned by these men are here lifting oysters from the beds between us & the land. One of them brought some to our vessel to sell. The night is calm & quiet & we have little prospect of leaving this place very soon. Have been much interested today in reading Macauley's History of England.

Wed. 29 Still at anchor in Hampden Roads, detained by calms & head winds. A large number of vessels of smaller size are anchored near us awaiting favorable wind. I long to be on our voyage though it is not unpleasant in itself to remain here in quiet water, in agreeable company - with beautiful shores in view & a good selection of books to read. But I think of home & seems hard to remain absent from those there & yet be making no progress towards the place of destination. I have today thought much about my dear departed Samuel - & have longed to see him,

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Thurs. March 1st This morning about 11 Oclock we took up anchor at Hampden Roads, & under a light wind came slowly out of the Bay Now 9 Oclock we are just able to see the light of the Light House on Cape Henry. The Sea is a little rough from Eastern winds yesterday. I thank God that we are at last under way, & I pray that his strong hand may protect in the great deep. I can not forget home - I feel deeply for my dear ones there - May they all share largely the mercies of Heaven.

Frid 2 Sailing pleasantly all day with a light wind

Sat. 3 Have had pretty strong wind nearly all day - bro. Yei gerd quite sea sick - saw a sail far off to the South - saw a large log floating on the surface as we came off from the Gulf Stream Wind increases now 9½ Oclock.

Sund. March 4th Heavy Sea & Strong wind all day — Vessel very rough so that we could have no religious Services — Could not read much, as the cabin was dark & the decks watery — Course nearly Eastward — Saw a large sail most of the afternoon making nearly the same course as ourselves. We now make 8 or 9 miles per hour. Bro. Heigard has been too sick all day to sit up. Mr. Thompson a young colored man born in Liberia & now returning home has also been Sea sick most of the day. I have been tolerably comfortable. But have thought much of the dear ones at home & of my dear departed boy — My lovely Samuel. Have thought much today of our future meeting in the heavenly world. God make me faithful that I may indeed go to dwell where he is.

Mond. 5th Sailing rapidly all day

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about due east — Sea somewhat rough
Wind strong & cool —
Tues. 6th Our course is still East as
the capt. is anxious to go far in
that direction before turning South
Sea quite rough — wind strong & irregular —
at times made 11 ms. per hour. Saw
a large vessel bound North East.
Wed 7th Sea more calm wind light —
Sun warm & sky mostly clear — by
observation was in Lat. 38° — 10' North
Longitude 54° — 19' West — Nothing unusual
Read most of the day in Hitchcock's Geology
& Macaulay's History of Eng. No people
have a more bloody & cruel History
that the English — Religious persecutions
are endless & heartrending. My thoughts
are much on home.
Thurs. 8th Weather a little blustering &
rainy — Wind irregular & from the South
East so that we made but little prog-
ress. This afternoon finishes our first
week outside the Bay — On the

while our voyage thus far has been prosperous, for which I thank God.

Frid. 9 Hard winds & rains before day light — Slight breeze & heavy sea during forenoon — Vessel rocked violently — Afternoon wind moderate from the South so that we are able to keep more South. Temperature moderate so as to allow us to sit comfortably on deck. Reading Geology & History — Finished the first volume of Macauley's History of Eng. What a record of Crime Cruelty & Licentiousness — Truly the English have much for which as a nation they may blush. Her Kings & Ministers of State for the most part were during the periods ~~extends~~ over which this volume extends, men of most despicable character. As I thus become wider & wider separated from my dear family I dream of them & think of them but the more. I long to see them & to dwell with them.

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Sat. March 10th A clear & beautiful day - Strong wind from South East - Our course a little south of east - A sail in sight during the afternoon making much the same course as ourselves - This morning caught in a bucket a very small fish & bottled it - Saw some large fish near us. Our place at noon was Lat. 38° 25' - Lon. 46° - 53. Now (9½ O'clock) we are running at a pretty fair rate. God be praised for his mercy

Sund. 11th A fair wind - a clear day - Had religious services - Afternoon read two or three sermons in a volume of discourses by Rev. F. W. Robertson of Eng. They are unusually good - Clear pointed & untrammelled by any system -

Mond. 12th Light head wind - Fine weather - but little progress -

Tues - 13th Light winds mostly contrary -

Wed. 14th Rather cold raw air—
Wind very light till evening—
Breeze sprung up about 7 O'clock
evening & we now sail at a mod
erate rate South. During last two
days have seen some five or six
vessels at a distance. Today I
finished reading Hitchcock Geolo
gy. Have read it with more pleas
ure than any other volume on the
same subject, more particularly the
latter part on the relation which
Geology sustains to Revealed Religion.
The theory that simply separates
the announcement in the first verse
of Gen. from those following statements
in regard to the creation of anim
als & man, is certainly not so objection
able as those formerly held that the
sixa days of Creation are 6 periods
of incalculable duration. It only
requires then that we understand the
account of the creation as relating to

the present order of things & the present inhabitants. Nor is there so much reason for different from the Theory of a succession of inhabitants or even a gradation of those inhabitants from lower to a higher order if only it is not claimed that the higer proceed from the lower by transmutation

Thurs. 15th Head-wind - Slow sailing - Two weeks since we left the Bay & notwithstanding our tedious going the last few days we have on the whole been favored - Passed very near a vessel tonight

Frid. 16th Strong contrary winds continue - little progress - a fine day - air rather cool - Three vessels in sight one large ship came very near - in speaking distance almost but did not hail us. then taking bold another course.

Sat 17th Unfavorable winds,

Sund, 18th A beautiful day, but little progress - Had short services on deck. The atmosphere warm & clear

Mond. 19th Showers of rain occasionally Strong head wind most of the morning very little progress. Rather cool
Tues. 20th Wind more favorable but light. Weather very fine - At noon by observation were in Lat. 29° - 55' - Lon. 32° - 36' - So that now were are about 850 miles from the most westerly of the Cape Verde Islands. Unless we have more favorable winds than we have had for the last ten days our voyage will be a long one. Today finished the second volume of Macauleys History of England. This Book possesses the charm of a novel So lively & elevated is the Style - So graphic his delineation of character & So thorough & clear his analysis of causes that the reader never tires. What a noble character was that William the Conqueror - the friend of civil & religious liberty - What compass of mind & what largeness of Soul.

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Wed. 21st Head wind – Weather cool

Thurs. 22nd Wind more favorable So that today we run our course still the breeze is light. This afternoon was the close of our third week from the capes – The atmosphere is clear but the temperature cool, so much so as to be quite uncomfortable on deck in the evening although we are at a latitude below that of Georgia, U.S.

Frid. 23 – Fair wind but not very Strong. Sailing at good Speed. Weather clear & warm.

Sat. 24th Our progress is now encouraging – having a fair wind – a smooth sea & pleasant weather. Our place at noon was Lat 23° 35' – Lon. 28° 30' – Island St ~~Vincent~~ Antonio one of the Cape Verde Stood South 25° East – distant 420 miles. – Was writing some today arranging accounts & account Books.

This evening reperused all the letters received from my dear wife while at Baltimore waiting to embark. This is a pleasure but ~~what~~ how much greater delight it would afford me to see this evening my devoted wife & dear little girls! May God preserve me & bring back to them again in safety.

Sund. 25th With a fair & strong wind we have sailed rapidly all day, & the weather being warm & clear we have had a pleasant day. Had brief services in the afternoon

Mond. 26th Wind favorable all forenoon. our speed good. At two O clock we descried the top ridge of the Island of St. Antonia. The base of the mountain was entirely enveloped in mist so that only a long uneven line of dark blue ~~ap~~ peaked stretching along the clouds. In an hour the west side of the mountain became more

apparent & the gorges & ravines at length were distinctly visible. As however the Island was distant 6 or 7 miles & as the mist still hung around it we could not see any forests or any habitations of men if there be any on the side next us. At sunset a sail was west of us some three or four miles holding the same course as ourselves. I heartily thank God that our voyage has thus far been so prosperous.

Tues. 27th Sailing rapidly in a southerly direction we past along to the west of two more of Cape Verde Islands - Bravo & Fogo - the former quite low & the latter near 8 000 ft. high & formerly a volcano but at present inactive.

Wed. 28th Having past the Cape Verde Is. we now bend our course a little more eastward & as the wind is

from the same direction we bail more into it & at a less rapid rate — though we still make tolerable progress. Our place at noon was — Lat. 13° 01′ Lon. 23° 36′. Though within the tropics we have had but little warm weather — owing perhaps to the damp & cloudy state of the atmosphere. The wind today & last night was rather chilly. As it was dark & gloomy in the cabin & damp & cool on deck I ~~have~~ read but little today & have thought much of my dear ones at home. I long to see them & I mourn in spirit for my dear departed boy. Oh how I lament his loss. I often inquire if his spirit is not still about me. Is it possible that we cannot communicate with each other. O God why should one so lovely so very dear to me be taken away. The chastisement — if for unfaithfulness is just, May it do me good.

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Thurs. 29th Strong fair wind — good progress — but a very dull unpleasant day & tolerably rough Sea. Today is the 29th day out.

Frid. 30th A Charming day — fair light wind — clear Sky & Smooth Sea. Today ~~on~~ at noon we were at Lat. 10°-48. Lon. 18°-09. Finished the third volume of Macauley's History of England. The blind & mulish adherence of the the High Churchmen to the theory ~~of~~ that hereditary rule is of divine authority & that resistance to the ruling prince is under any circumstances a Sin, is even tiresome to the reader & must have been truly contemptible in the opinion of such a King as William. On the other hand the irtre fanatical persistency of the Whigs or at least a part of them to persecute the Churchmen for opinions they showed but little more sense & less

consistency. The Covenanter factions of Scotland were an uncivilized set.

Sat. 31st. Wind fair but light.

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Sund. 1st The weather is now pretty warm especially when we have little or no wind. The Sea is delightfully smooth & a gentle breeze continued from last evening till near noon today. This afternoon - the time most favorable for the men to attend we had divine Services. We have charming moonlight now & the deck is so inviting that we do not feel inclined till late to retire. At noon today we were in Lat. 7° - 53'. Lon. 15° - 40'. We are therefore South of Sierra-leone where we landed before.

Mond. 2nd A warm, clear, calm day. Still the slight breeze which we have carries us onward somewhat.

During the night we had a pretty good wind. At noon our place was Lat 7° - 09. Lon. 14° - 06. This forenoon the men caught a Shark about 5 feet long & hauled him on deck. He gave evidence of immense strength by his violent floundering. His wicked eye, his rapacious mouth, & his odious appearance impressed me with the propriety of the simile by which his name is made to express a vile & merciless class of men.

Tues. 3rd Last night was dark & rainy, & although there was very little wind the clouds were very heavy & the thunder frequent. The rain continued till 10 Oclock this morning. Our place at noon was Lat. 6° - 36'. Lon. 13° - 06. We are therefore not quite 150 miles from Monrovia. God be praised for his mercies & favors!

Wed. 4th About 7 O'clock this morning we descried the dim outlines of Grand Cape Mount, which is the northwestern limit of Liberia & the higest land on that coast, being 1060 ft high.

During the day, however, we have made little progress as the wind has been very light. We are now about half way between Cape Mt. & Monrovia, the place at which we intend first to land.

As we now draw near to the coast my mind turns with deep interest to the work before us. Our object is as soon as practicable to open a small Manual Labor School, among the heathen population or on the border of such a tribe. This School at the same time established with a view of making it the rallying point of a small Settlement of colored

people, & to be gradually raised to a School of a higer order as the little settlement may demand & the means of the mission may allow. The first duty will be to explore a few rivers & districts thought to be most suitable & to select a site. In making a selection of a location the following things should be kept in view:— Facility of access, Healthfulness, Local advantages, & Character of the natives.

A place may be accessible, either by being near a sea port, or a river entering the sea at a port or good anchorage, or on the line of some road running over land, from some prominent point. At present, so far as I can learn there is no such road in the Republic, but there is one in contemplation from Millsburgh on the St.

Pauls river to the high lands of the interior.

The Healthfulness of a point, Will, perhaps, depend on its elevation, its distance from swampy lands, & ~~its~~ ~~water~~ the purity of its water.

Among the Local Advantages, may be named, The productiveness of the soil, the supply & quality of building materials, & water falls for Machinery.

Those native characteristics, which are perhaps, most desirable to have & may, perhaps, be found in a comparative degree, are, peacefulness, attachment to home, & an inclinations to the pursuit of agriculture & some of the arts of manufacture. Whether any of the pagan tribes possess these characteristics or not, it is certain that some of them are less inclined to the practice of the opposite vices & faults, than others are.

And now I sincerely pray that God would direct me in this undertaking, & give me wisdom & prudence & perseverance that I may do what will be best for the cause & most for his glory.

Thurs. 5th at 1 O clock P. M. We are now within about 4 ms. of Cape Mensurado, & can plainly se the lighthouse & trees on the cape. The long line of yellow sea beach running along to our left is also in view. Beyond that the dense forest, now sending up vast columns & clouds of smoke from the clearings of the natives. These show that the rains have not set in, & gives me hope that we may yet explore somewhat without being much exposed to the heavy rains. We shall anchor in less than an hour, & perhaps will be able to land today.

We are all in good health
ecept the young Liberian, James
Thompson, who has Suffered considerably
from cronic inflamation of the throat
& ears. My health in particular
during the entire voyage has been
good, having not Suffered from Sea
Sickness. I have therefore been able
to read considerable & thus I trust
have made some improvement.
I therefore here desire to record my
sincere & devout thanks to the God
of all my mercies. Thanks be
to him for life & health & the
opening prospect of doing good!
May his goodness continue to
attend me!

Having landed on the Sand beach
at Krootown about half past one
O'clock, in company with others we
walked to Mr. Gill's Store & there leaving
the Capt. bro. Weigerd & myself proceded
to the house of my old friend Mr. B.

V. R. James, with whom I lodged
when here nearly seven years ago.
He received us with great cordiality
& after a few minutes sitting at
his house we walked to the point
at the lighthouse to take a view
of the town & country. It was an
enchanting scene & I felt a thrill
of joy that I was again in this
field of labor & could see around
me marks of decided improvement
since my former visit. But there
was bitterness mingled in the cup
of joy. My dear ones - my loves - were
not here. For a while my feelings
almost over came me. Oh how hard
to be thus far separated from the source
of my higest earthly joy. My dear
wife & little ones the are far away.
This cloud of melancholy was deepened by
the fact just learned that the little
Liberia packet, Quail, which regular
ly carries the mail from here to

Cape Palmas for the English Steamers
had left only a few hours before
& that another vessel which we
expected to meet here had also left.
As I thought it best that bro.
Ukigord would not better begin sleep
ing on shore till we determine
upon our immediate movements
& as I could not just now decide
upon any thing he returned to the
Palmas & remained with Mr.
James. This evening Bishop Burns
of the Meth. E. Church called on
me & was the same cheerful open
warm hearted brother that I
found him to be when here formerly.
He insisted my breakfasting
with him tomorrow morn-
ing- I agreed. Also Rev. J. Seys
called all full of zeal & inter
est for the cause & especially for
Careysburgh- his last settlement
Friday 6th On shore- got my off

from the vessel & in company with Mr. & Mrs. Seys & Messrs Thompson & Sheigerd rode a few miles up the Junkerado river. Nothing but mangrove swamp on both sides except at a single point. Lodged with Mr. James. Retired sad - there are great obstacles to be met in doing good & my heart longs for my wife & children. Alas my lovely boy I can see no more in this world. Oh how grievous a separation.

Sat. 7th rode up St Pauls river in our boat about 18 ms. & returned but had not time enough to examine any one place minutely. Was at Messrs. Coopers sugar plantation which is a large one but had not time to get particulars

Sund. 8th Forenoon preached at Pres. Church & at night at the methodist Church.

Mond. 9th Owing to the fact, that two colored Presbyterian Ministers recently selected a position at the falls of the Sinoe, where I had some thought of locating, (& had arranged to have our Lumber landed there if we should desire it after landing here) I have now concluded to land & store away all our lumber & freight & take some three or four weeks to explore the country up the St. Pauls & have therefore taken a permit to land here & have secured storage at the Colonization Ware House.

Tues. 10th Received today most of our goods & stored them. Weary & sad at the thought of the labor & responsibility of this movement.

Wed. 11 Received & stored the Lumber opened & repacked several boxes & barrels after taking out

what we now need. Bro. Hei-
ger proved a very efficient
aid. I am pleased with the
manner in which he conducts
himself & enters upon the work.
Made some arrangements for go-
ing up the river tomorrow. Bro.
Heigerd lodged on ~~board~~ on shore
tonight for the first as I was
desirous he should be exposed
as little as possible till we
go up the river.
Thurs. 12th Came up to White Plains
accompanied by bro. Heigerd & Miss Kil
patrick, who has charge of a female
School at that place. We landed above
Clay Ashland & walked to Mr. Out-
lands farm & sugar works, leaving
the Kroomen to bring the boat, Lodged
at White Plains. A slight rain
Friday 13th Visited Mr. Andersons
Sugar works, a large steam mill,
which was doing a fine business.

I had designed this week to visit Careysburg about 12 ms. Southerly of White Plains, but being anxious to see the rapids of the St Pauls before the rains begin regularly & knowing that they are about to commence, I have concluded to delay my visit there till I make some examination of the rapids.

Sat. 14th My Kroomen (two) whom I had hired to travel with me one month desired this morning to return to the Cape, as they did not like to go back into the country. They seemed more especially disinclined to ascend the rapids having brought our boat up a little way yesterday. This morning therefore I paid them & sent them back.

Having procured other help & a canoe from Mr. Harrison the ~~highest~~ highest settler on the river I set out about 10 oclock to pass up the

river a few miles if possible & return tonight. The principal man was a Congo Convert to Christianity named David Clark. The next was Robert Mr. Harrisons son, & added to these were two small native boys. Before we set out we secured a rope for dragging the canoe through the narrow rapids where we could not advance by means of paddles. I soon found that our canoe was too large for our force, but we manged by paddling in the less rapid parts & hauling with the rope at the small falls, to ascend about 4 ms. Having passed an island of considerable length & also one or two small ones, The bed of the river is in many places very wide & always composed of granite rock. In places deep gorges are worn down in the softer places & through these the water rushes

with fearful violence. There are often so deep & the crags extending up are so numerous that when in a low position looking up the course of the stream we could see no water at all, but only barren rocks with a few small trees & shrubs interspersed. As we had already ascended several of the lifts caused by the ledges of rock extending across the stream I began to think that the men could succeed alone, at one which we had now reached. I stepped out of the canoe myself but did not as before remove my luggage nor did I take hold of the rope but left all to the men & walked round to an adjoining rock on my way to the head of lift. I soon heard a loud yell & looking round saw that the two small boys who had gone forward with

rope let it slack while the larger boy was going round to them & while Davis was at the stern of the canoe to haul it off the rock. In an instant the furious current swept the bow of the canoe back & striking on its quarter filled it with water. I hastened back. Davis was with the canoe in eddy below, & soon drew it up to the rock. My Gun, Muir Level, box of pressings & ammunition all remained in it, but the clothes of the men were swept away & lost. We sat down & the water worn rock beside the roaring flood & ate our ~~water soaked~~ dinner composed of dried herring & some ginger snacks baked by Miss. Georgiana Morris of Baltimore & given me by her on the morning of my embarking,

Both were now well moistened with water. As the boys seemed weary & as the canoe seemed too large to be taken over the ledges I left them with the canoe & taking Dains, I walked on rapid by about 1/4 hour up the stream We reached a place where the bed of the river was more contracted than before & where the water fell a greater distance perpendicularly than at any point below. It fell perhaps three or four feet. We returned to the canoe after marking some trees with our axe at the place where we stopped, found the boys quite uneasy, & then getting in the canoe we came down rapid by all the way except at one place where water was wide & shoal so that I jumped & walked while the men brough the canoe

slowly over. I think we ascended 8 miles, & the fall of the river in that distance is as much as 40 feet.
Sund. 15 Preached at Harrisburgh in Mr. Harrisons little church to an attentive audience. Did not feel well having been much fatigued yesterday & also got quite wet in descending the rapids.
Mond. 16th Having become convinced by efforts & observations of Saturday that the St Pauls river can not be ascended by row boats much above Millsburg, I started out this morning in company with bro. Weigeed & two natives to examine the country along the north side of the river opposite Harrisburgh. After crossing the river we walked a few rods back to Tom's town who was with us, & then to another village

about one mile northeastward where we paused a little & then walked Eastward ~~to an~~ about 4 ms. to another country town near which a considerable brook ran towards the river. Leaving bro. W. here & taking one of the men with me I traced this brook upward a mile or more, finding that it descended rapidly at many places, & that it parted into some two or three branches. Returning to the town we followed the brook to the river & then kept along the river hills, which in some pla ces were perhaps 150 feet high, to the place where we landed in the morning. This country is beautiful indeed, & the soil is rich. The timber is not plenti ful as it is thinned by the Europes who cut lumber any

where on the public lands. In the evening we walked back from Mr. Harrisons about 2 ms. passing the small towns & going through upon the whole the finest scope of cleared country which I have yet seen in Africa.

Tues. 17th Being in need of some articles from Monrovia I came down today, stopping at several places on the way, & also going out of my way down the St Pauls beyond Stockton Creek, to Mr. Moores farm where landed & I then walked across the point of Bushrod Island to what is called Mammas town, a small place of half a score of huts but once a large town & an extensive slave depot. Met there a young native of the Island

who has been somewhat edu-
cated & has been clerking at
Freetown Sierra-Leone. He inform
ed me that Rev. Ehemann a
Lutheran Minister in the Service
of the Church Miss. Soc. is de
ceased. — A tornado tonight.
Wed. 18th Wrote a letter to my
wife & also one for the Missionary,
& Mailed them for the Ocean
Eagle of New-York, which is to
Sail for the U. S. by way of C.
Palmas tomorrow. Made Some
purchases, of Goods to pay my
boatmen & others, examined the
goods Stored at Colonization House,
took out some provisions &c. &
Came up to White Plains Miss
ion where I lodged with Miss
Kilpatrick.
Thurs. 19th Spent the day in exam
ining the hills & streams along
the North side of the river above

Muttsburg. Found some beautiful sites & one of them seems to be near a small stream. But so dense is the jungle that we could not at all reach the hill which we most desired to ascend.

Frid. 20th Having engaged two men yesterday to go with us today & cut the vines &c of the jungle so that we could pass throug, we set out about 9 Oclock & commencing on the ~~South~~ North west side cut our way nearly over the top & then down on the ~~South~~ North East to the old field that lies along river. By means of a Spirit level we ascertained the fact that the hill is equally as high as any one occupied on the opposite hills but could not get the brush cut away so as to determine the actual hight above the

river. Returned weary, & bro Weigeld unfortunately slipped from a stone into the water when we were tracing a small stream that passes near the hill, to learn its course & amount of fall — the latter is sufficient to afford a mill site or water power of some kind, but the stream is small.

On our return we learned that a large Boa Constrictor ~~was~~ had been killed about a half mile or more from here (Mr. Harrisons) It struck at a boy in the ~~path~~ path, but missing him siezed his dog crushed him & dragged him away in the bushes, aft= a long hunt by natives & settlers he was discovered, shot several times & finally dispatched with cutlasses & bill=hooks. — No rain today or last night Thermometer 86°.

Sat. 21st Went again over to the Millsburg side, & ascended a hill in the rear of the town hoping thereby to gain a view of the surrounding country, but on the higer part of the eminence the bush was so high & so dense that I could not see out, & the lower part was not sufficently elevated to afford any considerable prospect.

Taking a man with me I again passed over a part of the field already examined above Millsburg & after securing several pretty fair views with a glass from elevated positions, I hired a second man & canoe & descended from the first high ledge of rocks ~~above~~ running entirely across the stream above Mr. Cassitus wharf, to Millsburg – thus examining the channel. I found

that I could reach the landing at the foot of the hill which we have been more especially examining, with about the same ease as I could ascend to Mr. Harrisons. Perhaps larger canoes could be taken directly to that place with lading. Now when the water is low the channel is shallow, but in the rains the water would be abundant, but perhaps too rapid for ascent. If however we settle on the river anywhere near Millsburg it appears to me that the hill directly in a line with this ledge of rocks would be the most suitable site. The scarcity of timber is one objection. Returned late in the evening to Mr. Harrisons our temporary home. Bro. Weigeen having been much fatigued yesterday did not accompany me.

Sund: 22nd visited the small Sunday School here this morning, & spoke briefly to the Scholars. Preached in the little church this forenoon. This afternoon in thinking of home have felt lonely & sad. O how I long to see my dear wife & children. I pray God to be merciful to them & if it be his will bring me again to my dear ones in safety. I earnestly pray that I may be useful here & may comfort my beloved family.

Mond. 23. Accompanied by Mr. Melville I went up a creek putting into the river at the lower edge of Harrisburg, about 4 ms. Its course is South easterly or perhaps nearly east, is navigable for canoes for several miles in the rains but now

only about ½ mile. We past 2 towns on it, in one of which we saw a smith-shop with anvil & bellows, & it is said that the smith, a native, manufactures the best bill-hooks that can be procured in the country. This stream is heavy enough to propel a saw or grist mill at this season is unusually now. The falls or rapids at the first elevation of country is considerable, & farther up they are frequent & of considerable hight. Very little good timber can be found near the stream as the natives have destroyed it by clearing & the settlers have carried it away for building purposes.

In the afternoon bro. H & I walked back of Harrisburg a short distance & following a

path which runs along the ridge running somewhat parallel with the river, we found a large native clearings beyond the three towns that we had visited before. The country is delightful, being very high & rolling & having an exceedingly rich soil in most places. The timber before the clearing took place was pretty good. We crossed a beautiful little stream flowing over a rocky bottom & forming frequent rapids. At one place the fall could easily be improved as a mill seat. During the day there was a slight rain. Last night a heavy shower. Ther. in the morning 82° — noon 86° —

Tues. 24th Having previously made arrangements, Mr. Melville & I started this morning for Bizena

town about 12 ms. from here on the opposite bank of the river. We crossed over to Tom's town & then walked back towards Millburg about one mile to get into the more open road leading up the river. About ~~four~~ 2 miles from Millsburg we reached Bolas town a small country village. from this going in a ~~[illegible]~~ northeasterly direction about 4 ms. we reached a few huts on the bank of a large creek. From this place walking about 5 ms in an easterly direction we arrived at Bizonice's town. A small town of perhaps 150 inhabitants. It was formerly barricaded but the barricade is now partly broken down. The town is clean & the people appear to be sprightly & shrewd.

Having procured a canoe at the town we rode up the river, which is here slack water about two miles to the lower end of an island. Landing here we walked through the farm recently cleared & saw fine corn growing - now about 8 inches high - there was also rice already sprung up - At the upper end of this Island there seems to be a fall or rapids in the river, as we could hear the roar of the water.

Returning to the town we lodged there during the night.

Wed. 25th After breakfast I spoke briefly to the chief & his people & then set out on our return. Coming down to a large creek about two miles this side I left Mr. Melville & taking a native man walked up

the creek one hour, its course being northerly & then taking a westerly direction came into the path along which we had gone yesterday. On reaching the creek near Jones town I turned off to examine a hill lying to the north west of the path. Finding the bush too thick pass through I soon returned to the path & hastened on to Mr. Harrisons, thankful to find bro. H. & all the rest well. Evening visited a family of immigrants that have been here only about 4 months, & are yet suffering from fever. The family embraces an old man & his wife—both quite old—a son & a grand son, whose mother died in America. The old couple & the little child only about 2½ years ~~old~~ of age suffer considerably & I deeply sympathize with them.

Thurs. 26th I have this day suffered deep despondency of mind; so much so that I am almost unfit for what is before me. Indeed I do feel entirely incompent to the work on which I have entered. In consequence of our long delay at Baltimore we have about 8 weeks less time than we expected to have at the time the arrangement was made to embark on the Palmas, & we are therefore hurried too much in the work of exploring. The rains are now about to set in & we must either now decide upon a place or postpone all effort till after the rains. I feel fearful of so hasty a procedure as it would be to decide at once, without going Cape Mt & the adjoining country or at least to the [illegible] &c

gin. On the other hand it will be a great loss of time to delay till after the rains to begin. This also is the planting time & we might if now decided as to the site clear & plant a small field late as it is. More over it is likely that if we had examined the other countries this would still appear to be the best situation & then we should still more regret the delay. I feel pretty well satisfied that if we locate at all in this region an elevated position a little distance above ~~almost opposite~~ this, on the opposite side will suit our purpose as well as any we can get. It is most likely too that this section of the Republic will be better adapted to our operations than any other. This is favorable to agriculture as it has a good soil & yet has not a large trade, as the Palm oil is generally found,

in lower lands than this. The native population is small here but for our purposes, the founding of a Manual Labor School, this is no disadvantage, as we expect for the present to address ourselves mainly to the limited number in connection with the Mission. During the day as well as last night I have thought & prayed over the subject of immediate settlement, & have also consulted with bro. Weigand, but I cannot yet feel safe in deciding. My mind has been much oppressed during the day. This evening as a deep dark cloud spread almost entirely over the horizon & the low mutterings of distant thunder rolled along from ~~side to side~~ cloud to cloud I walked forth to meditate & pray. All pertaining to our work seemed

like the sky overhead, enveloped in great darkness. It appeared to me that never before in my life I felt so painfully the responsibility of our work or so much desired the guidance of Providence. O God hast thou called me to this work, then in mercy guide me aright. I dare hardly think of home. My heart pines for my lovely family. When I look at the precious pictures with me, I can with difficulty remain contented. God, my merciful Father forsake me not I pray, but help in this time of need.

Thermometer midst of the day - 86°. Heavy rain accompanied by thunder this evening.

Frid. 27th. This forenoon bro. Heigerd & myself took another tour over the hills on the opposite side of the river where we had already made

examinations & after reviewing the ground as well as we could decided upon the place at which we will make the first clearing. We then engaged some natives to cut away the bush tomorrow & returned to Mr Harrison's.

From all I can learn, as well as from what I know of the Liberian country in general it seems that this county ~~comprises~~ combines as many advantages as any other, if not greater; & I am quite satisfied that as far as we can now see the site which we have selected possesses as many advantages as any now unoccupied on this river.

At this place we have as ~~good~~ high & healthful a situation as any that is now accessible; ~~for~~ it is perhaps more than one hundred feet above the water of the river at the

nearest point & the stream falls perhaps ten feet between that point & Millsburg. It is also comparatively easy of access, being near the river which at times can be ascended by boats to our place, & there is good ground for a road from Millsburg along the rear of the site. A small stream runs down near the site & will run across the land which we expect to get. I think also that by digging a few feet fresh water can be obtained at the foot of the hill on which we intend to begin clearing. Stone for building are plentiful & of as good a quality as I have seen any where in Africa. Good sand for mortar can be had at the river but can here make no lime, as there is neither limestone nor oyster shells. Timber is not plen=

tiful, but enough can be obtain-
ed, perhaps as easily as in any
other good farming region, for
in such places the timber is
always destroyed by the native
clearings for farms. Our place
is I think farther inland than
Careysburgh or any other settle-
ment or occupied station in
the Republic. There are not
many natives about the place
but those that are there are
seemingly pretty well dispo-
sed. We are not far from a
Mission on the South but on
the North ~~there is~~ I emit there
is none. Nor is there any on
the north west till we reach Cape
Mt. — This evening I was enabled
when alone in woods to pray ear-
nestly for Gods blessing on our work.
Thermometer this morning 76°
Afternoon 88° — Evening 80°

Sat. 28th Rose early this morning & after taking a cup of domestic tea & a few crackers, Started across the river to point out to the natives with whom we had ~~made a con-tract for clearing~~ engaged to clear a small patch of land, the place to begin. I marked off by the ~~com~~ my pocket compass & tape Line two Sides of a piece twelve rods square the natives cutting a path through the dense jungle before - & then having agreed to pay them $5.50 (in goods at current prices here) I addressed them briefly on the subject of my coming among them to do them good; & the great need of our having Gods help to do right & receive well the good intended & then proposed that we all kneel down on the Spot where we were about to commence cutting & ask God's help that we might live in peace & that the work which

we were about to commence, might do great good to the people around. The headman having interpreted to the others announced that they all agreed, & we accordingly knelt down in the deep jungle & prayed to our common father for guidance, & grace to do right, & accomplish good for the country. As it was now nine Oclock I went home for breakfast & then returned to mark off the other two sides of the land. It was a tedious job as the bush was so very thick that it required a long time to cut the paths. I however returned to Mr. Harrisons in the afternoon & in the evening ~~found the~~ by means of a Spirit level ascertained the height of ~~his~~ the site of his house above the river. It was about 72 feet & I think our hill is higher. No rain

today we last night. Ther. morning 76° — Afternoon 88°.

Sund. 29 Preached forenoon — visited Sunday School — afternoon had bible lesson with the orphan children & others here. Afternoon rainy also the early part of night. — Ther. 77° — 88°

Mond. 30th Cutting roads to the small clearing which we have begun. Afternoon Rainy.

May 1860.

Tues. 1st Went from Harrisburg to Monrovia, to purchase some goods ~~for~~ with which to pay native laborers, & also to attend to other mission business.

Wed. 2nd Early this morning called on Mr. Seymour, who for some years past has been among the people of the Pessa tribe about 80 miles inland from

Monrovia, who is now on a visit to this place to form some ecclesiastical connection with the Presbyterians. He seems to be a sensible, pious & very devoted man. He describes the natives as teachable, & more industrious than those nearer the sea, & he considers the country as superior to the coast region in agricultural advantages. Attended meeting of Presbytery a short time. Opened some of our boxes & repacked them after taking out some articles needed.

In the evening, accompanied by Hon. B. V. R. James. I called on Pres. Benson & after explaining to him the nature of our undertaking in this country, inquired whether the Government would be so kind as to make us a grant of

one hundred acres of land, or more, on the north side of the St Pauls above all present Surveys, for our Mission School, if we should conclude to settle in that locality. The President most cordially approved of the object, assured me that the land would be granted & added that he would be most happy to afford us any other aid that lay in his power. I returned much gratified at our visit & highly pleased with the present executive of the Republic.

Thurs. 3rd After attending to various business in the morning, I returned to Harrisburg, being in our boat Mr. Seymour as far on our way as Clay Ashland. Reached our present home just at dark.

May 1860

Frid. 4th Forenoon Settled with Mr. Harrison for our board thus far & made arrangements for the future at $2 per week. We Shall therefore perhaps board here for one or two months more. Afternoon preparing Some boxes to Serve as chests to lock up goods in. Evening bro Weigand returned from White Plains where he had been Staying while I was at Monrovia. He had fever the day I left but is now pretty well. It having been a light attack, received an immediate check by the use of the ordinary remedies.

Sat. 5th Making a Tool Box as we now have Some of our tools here & frequently use them. Became quite Sick about noon, having fever & pain in the head & back.
(One month after landing)

Sund. 6th Too unwell to preach but in the afternoon was able to teach the bible Class. Thanks to God that I am better.

Mond. 7 Being necessitated to go over to the place at which we have men clearing & having here no canoe nor boat I was obliged to walk down nearly opposite Mills burg & after crossing to walk up on the other Side. This wearied me very much & before leaving the woods a rain came on & as I could not carry an umbrella I became wet with rain. My feet also being wetted as all our Shoes & boots seem to leak immediately here. On reaching home became chilly & then was taken with high fever which lasted nearly all the night.

Tues. 8th Much prostrated — did nothing.

Wed. 9th Went to examine the work done by the natives & marked off an acre more for clearing. Heavy rain in the afternoon

Thurs. 10th ~~[illegible]~~ Visited Mr Grey a colored man who was formerly connected with Mendi Mission, & with whom I became acquainted there. He now lives on his own lot of 10 acres about 3 ms. below this place (Harrisburg) & on the opposite side. He is poor.

Frid. 11th Spent the day on the river between Millsburg & our place attempting to find a favorable passage & landing that we might know where to open a road. Returned weary in the evening as I had worked very hard.

Sat. 12th Harrisburg, & at our place.

Sund. 13th Harrisburg. Rev. Blyden, being here to hold Communion Service, preached this forenoon & I preached this afternoon.

Mond. 14th Having an opportunity of bring some of our goods from Monrovia, by Mr. Harrison's Canoe & being in need especially of some Medicines – went to the Cape. Called on the Pres. to see if some two hundred acres of land besides the one hundred that the Government will donate to the Mission, could not in some way be reserved for such settlers as may wish to settle near us & improve their land, & also perhaps unite with our church at the place, when once organized. The Pres. assured me that he would so reserve the

land that it could not be taken up by those who hold bounty-land certificates & who would only ~~tha~~ apply the warrants they hold & let the land lie till it would increase in value.

Tues. 15th Wrote a letter to my friend J. B. Elliott at Sierra Leone & also sent him a small bundle of books. Came up to Harrisburg, after attending to various business at the Cape.

Wed. 16th Harrisburg. Opening boxes, preparing for use some medicines- Putting hinges & locks to boxes to use as chests.

Thurs. 17th Cutting roads & trying to make examinations on the land that we have selected. Wrote to my wife.

Frid. 18th Owing to the fact

that we can go nowhere off the little native paths from town to town, without cutting paths through the dense jungle, we have already, in order to examine particular localities on the tract of land which we have selected, cut about five miles of path. And yet we must continue cutting.

Sat 19th Harrisburg. Mr Weigerd unwell. Overhauling some boxes needing attention. - Bro. W. Sick

Sund. 20th Considerable fever during last night & today. Preached forenoon - afternoon too unwell to attend Bible Class.

Mond 21st Crossed the river & put men to work, hunted for some timber for building & returned unwell - fever all night

Tues. 22nd Went to our place in the morning - was taken sick

suddenly suffering severely. After resting & getting the vomiting checked — took medicines & towards night felt better — low fever all night — Geo. W. better.
Wed. 23rd Unwell — Making some ~~draughts~~ drawing & bills of lumber for house.
Thurs. 24th Superintending the cutting of a road from our landing to the hill on which we expect to build.
Frid. 25th Having hired two Liberians we commenced cutting timber to build a temporary residence which can afterward be used for other purposes.
Sat 26th Cutting & hewing timber.
Sund. 27th Rev. Miller being here I did not preach but had a bible lesson in the afternoon.
Mond. 28 Cutting hewing & carrying timber for a temporary house

Tues. 29th A very rainy day. Had to quit work at noon. We now have three or four showers every day & the nights are very rainy.
Wed. 30th Cutting & carrying timber & also preparing some timber to saw into boards.

Today while at work a short distance from a small native town the peculiar & well known death cry broke upon our ears. A man who had for some time been sick took some powerful country medicine which soon caused his death. As soon as the loud lament was heard in the town it was taken up by the women in the rice plantations & soon rang from hill to hill far & wide through the neighborhood bring in the people from every side.

~~Wed.~~ Thurs. 31st Getting timber.

June 1860

~~Friday 1st Clearing off ground & framing timber for house. Worked considerably as the men could not go on alone. Was quite unwell especially in the afternoon~~

~~Frid. 2nd Had high fever attended with diarhoea & pain of the bowels during the night~~

Frid. 1st ~~Thurs 31st~~ Sick all day, unable to leave the room — fortunately bro. Weigand who seems to endure the climate unusually well, & who is always willing to do all he can went with men.

Sat. 2nd Unable to go out suffering from diarhoea & fever the former of which I have very seldom been affected with. What caused this attack I cannot tell. Evening — feel a little more comfortable.

Sund. 3rd Too unwell to preach

Mond. 4th Not so well as yesterday,

considerable fever attended with vomiting. Intended to accompany Mr. Harrison to Monrovia but could not.

Tues. 5th This morning finished drawing up a petition to present to Pres. Benson for a grant of land to our mission; & after taking a little breakfast, although feeling very weak & somewhat sick I walked to the lower landing 1½ mile off & set off for Monrovia as our business demanded my going. Became quite sick at times while in the mangrove swamps along Stockton creek. Called at the Post Office but found no letters although a vessel has just arrived from New-York. Called on Pres. Benson & handed him the petition I had prepared & made some verbal explanations. Returned to Mr. James'

where I stop, having considerable fever & suffering much from nausea. Two months hence on landed

Wed. 6th Did not sleep at all last night. Unwell this morning cannot go to Harrisburg as I intended

Thurs. 7th Was taken with violent vomiting & high fever about 9 O clock yesterday was much distressed all day after checking the vomiting, as I had no medicine along I called in Dr. Roberts who administered Calomel, which having operated during the night has given me relief. So that today I am pretty comfortable.

Received a communication from Pres. Benson ~~granting~~ in reply to the paper which I handed him day before yesterday & granting what we requested viz. 100 acres of land for the Mission pro=

per & also a reservation of 200 acres additional, adjoining in the Mission to be settled by colored people under the supervision of the Mission

Frid. 8th Fever most of last night. Suffered much & this morning am very weak while I still have some fever & general distress.

Sat 9th Sund. 10th Mond 11th About the same too sick to leave the room. On Saturday the M. C. Stephens came in with a large number of imigrants mostly designed for Carysburgh. Almost every one around me was reading letters just received but thus far none were found for me. I still hoped however that some would be found.

On Sat. too a vessel sailed for New York without taking a single letter from me, as

I was too unwell even to write a note to my dear wife. This was a great regret to me for I had come down to prepare numerous communications & forward them by that Ship. I tried to bear the disappointment with patience trusting & praying that God would do all things well.

On Monday Mr James with whom I am lodging brought me a Small bundle from the Office, which contained a long letter from my dear wife & also one from my dear friend & bro. Dr. Sprecher. Both were cheering. My family was tolerably well at the date of the letters except that my beloved little Lizzie had sore throat. The Bundle contained Florence

a picture of my youngest little girl. & a kerchief from my oldest one. The picture is beautiful & after I had examined it long & handed it round I put it carefully away with its sisters & brother. — Oh my lovely departed boy my dear, dear Samuel, how I mourn for you! The kerchief I shall use at sea. It is dear to me.

When I read Dr. Sprecher's sympathizing letter I felt deeply unworthy of the interest which my numerous friends in America take in my welfare. May God, who can uphold the weak, & direct the ignorant, grant me the aid I so much need!

This family with whom I am staying — Mr Jumes — is very kind to me & provide every

thing that I need to aid my recovery. But I think part of the Drs. treatment has been very injudicious & exceeding hurtful to me. Phisicians, like other men are apt to fall into a careless formal way of doing things with out regard to the peculiarities of the case in hand. Every case of fever must have so much of this, then that, & then that other remedy whether the peculiar form of the disease or the peculiarities of constitution admit of ~~them~~ or not. Like some preachers draw every text through the same moulds & bring out the same form of discourse without regard to what the subject may demand. The life & power are sacrificed to the form.

Tues 12th Confined to the room all day suffering much from debility — the effect of "Medicine"!
Wed 13th A little better walked in the afternoon three Squares to Bishop Burns where I lodged
Thurs. 14th Still a little Stronger attended to some business at the Stores & also wrote a letter to Pres. Benson in reply to his letter of the 6th concerning a grant of land to one Nuskin. Thank God that I can work a little again. May He support & guide me henceforth!
This evening bro. Heigerd came down from Harrisburg in good health.
Frid 15th Making some purchases & preparing to go up the river also settling off with the Kroo men whose time has expired & hiring others.

Sat 16th. Left Monrovia at noon & reached Harrisburg at dark weary enough as I am yet quite weak.

This evening we had a wedding at Mr. Harrisons. A Shoemaker, rather an intelligent dark Mulatto man took to wife a light Mulatto widow who is youthful & Sprightly. Mr. Harrison is Justice of the Peace & also a Licentiate to preach in the Pres. Church, but in which of these capacities he performed the ceremony I can not tell. The performance would indicate a little of both. He read from the Pres. Directory parts of the forms of words to be addressed to the parties ~~that~~ also parts of the more general instructions to ministers in regard to the requisites on the

part of the persons to be married — the nature of the marriage relation & the manner of performing the ceremony. At any rate he married them for if he does not fully understand the directory, he is not destitute of invention & therefore got through & pronounced "Husband & wife".

Sund. 17th Thanks to My Great Preserver I was able again to preach this forenoon to the little company that gathers in our little Harrisburg church. The people were attentive & I hope good was done I preached on the Baptism of Jesus by John. Afternoon — Bible Class. Evening wrote a letter to my dear wife & one to my oldest little girl. I thank God that I have this privilege. May he spare me to return to my dear family if it be his will.

Mond. 18th Wrote some at a report to the Committee. Settled with laborers. &c.

Tues 19th Writing some - directing a carpenter to make some articles needed for our clothing & goods

Wed. 20th Finished my Report to the Committee - making 14 pages foolscap closely written. Longer than I wished, but could not well reduce it.

Evening wrote a short article for one of the Liberia papers.

Thurs. 21st Resumed work again at the timber of our house - finished framing. At night wrote a letter to the three Eng. Lutheran Sunday Schools of Philadelphia Pa. in reference to the Boat which they purchased for the use of the Mission. Not much rain today

Friday 22 Commenced putting up

our house, but were obliged to stop work on account of heavy & continuous Rain. Returned home very weary.

~~Saturday~~ 23rd very rainy - could not work at house - building on a little in the evening I went to White Plains to spend the Sabbath with Rev. Roberts.

Sund 24th Preached forenoon at Millsburg for Mr Roberts - people were attentive - many wept.

Mond 25th Having heard of the arrival of the Palmas from the lower ports & of her probable departure for the U. S. early this week I hastened down to put some articles & letters on board, & to arrange business with Mr. McGill relative to future financial transactions with Dr. Hall & Co. through him. Came in boat with Rev. Roberts.

Hired a Surveyor to run off our Missouri lands - agreed to pay him $25. to run the four sides of the entire tract of 300 acres. He hires himself & all his hands & goes up & returns at his own expense. Night wrote to Dr. Speak-er - bro. Callison - & Martin Buehler & also to Mr. Rammelsburg Cinti. O.
Tues. 26th Rested but little last night - rose early this morning & wrote a letter to Dr. Morris -
Went on board the Brig Palmas & took along a barrel of Liberia Sugar to be taken to my wife - took dinner with the Capt. & having bade the Mates & crew good bye I returned to the town. Felt unwell all afternoon. Wrote to one of my little girls & wife.
27th Rose early wrote a note to Sister Eliza Rogers - Wrote orders for Goods from Maesche & Co. Hanover

James Getty, & Davis & Miller - wrote to J. D. Martin Esqr. Treas. took copies of orders — Wrote to G. W. S. Hall & Co.

28th Hired two more Kroomen to accompany me up the river & labor for us. — Made some purchases at Monrovia & about 11 Oclock Started for Harrisburgh in Mr. Harrisons Canoe in which Mr. James also was a passenger — & the crew of which was strengthened by my two Kroo men. Nevertheless the rest being small boys & not remarkably fond of work & being under the head man boy who hates work we did not reach the wharf till after dark & by the time all was removed from the canoe & taken care of it was after 8 oclock — As I had commenced work early I was very tired.

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Sat. 30th. A fair day - only two slight showers. I spent the whole day with our men on the mission premises. Got all the frame of the house up & commenced weatherboarding as we had no sheeting & shingles on the ground so as to begin the roof. Returned in the evening very weary as I worked hard during the day.

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Sunday 1st. Reached here - Harrisburg - in the forenoon as usual. Having heard last night that the Palmas did not go yesterday as we expected I this afternoon wrote a short letter to my dear wife & gave it to Mr. James who goes down tomorrow morning - requesting him to mail it or get it on board.

Mond. 2nd A fair day & we were busy all day at our building
Tues. 3rd A favorable day - only a few light showers - Working at home - evening Surveyor Moore came & stated that he would commence his work early in the morning.
Wed. 4th Rained all day - We were out with the Surveyor till near noon - Returned in heavy Rain. The other men could not work.
Thurs 5th Not much rain - rather a (Three months after landing) pleasant day - early at work roofing & weatherboarding house - after noon with the Surveyor - a sorry surveyor - would hardly make a chain carrier in the U. S. the Chain carriers were two inexperienced Kroomen - measuring right over logs brush & all uneven places with no regard to them having the ends of the chain low to the ends of the sticks while the mid-

dle was elevated three or four feet — I grumbled then scolded then threatened — a little change was made — but the survey will be imperfect — surveyor says it is always done so here. Perhaps it is as I have noticed that a great many who have deeds for land cannot find the land.

Frid. 6th With Surveyors till noon. Measurement a little better today. More care taken in placing pins & marking lines & cuts. Afternoon came home very weary & somewhat sick. Evening at our place. Giving some directions about the house & clearing. Set out 30 Plantain & Banana Trees for which I paid the natives who brought them 50 cts. I hope each of them will bear 25 cents worth of fruit in less than one year — this

is only what they usually do.

Sat. 7th Last night we had the heaviest rain of the season & it continued somewhat more slightly from 8 oclock last night till now—11 oclock. So we linger ~~at~~ in doors at home.— Copied last Orders for Goods in Order Book.

Afternoon went over to our place & as Harveyses were not at work we planted a few Sweet Potatoes— Measured distance from west line of Harvey to our house to determine the plan of dividing the tract into lots & Mission Premises. It being near fifty rods from west line to present improvement & the entire tract being 160 rods, we think that we shall take as Mission Premises a front of 100 Rods

& it will then extend back 160 Rods. This will leave 60 rods front ~~for the~~ Reservation for one hundred & sixty rods & from that back the entire width. By taking the Mission out of the middle of the front part of the tract a strip of 30 rods wide will be left on each side as far as the mission lands extend. These can be cut up into well shaped 5=acre lots, for settlers. The remainder — a parralelagram — 140 by 160 Rods can also be made into lots of proper shape & as we shall build pretty well back on the mission land the occupants of these lots will be near the School & Church. Two persons — married men have desired to procure lots on the reserve & build at once. One — No. 1 facts a Lutheran — On outline see next page.

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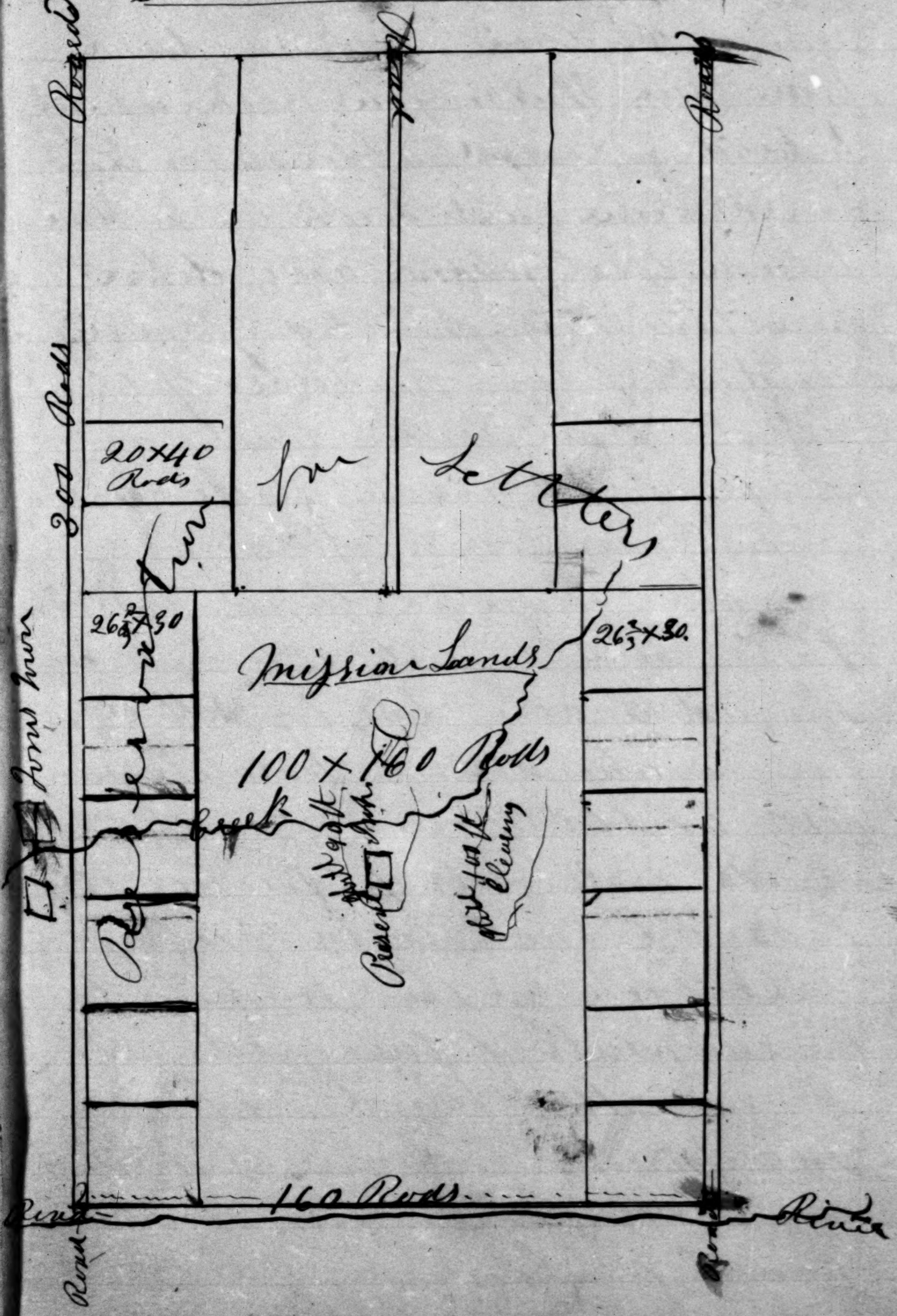
50 Rods to the inch



Evening returned & found a letter from Mr. Washington with whom I had arranged either to go to Sierra Leone next week or to send by him for Goods. Came down here late through a heavy rain.

Sund. 8th Slept scarcely an hour last night – feverish & wakeful on account of the multitude of things pressing upon my mind. Rose weary & sick. After breakfast, feeling some better & having an opportunity of going to church to Millsburg I rode over met Rev. Roberts at the place & was so pressed by him to preach that I consented. The audience was good attention very close & there was much feeling manifested by many O that these feelings were more abiding.

Hearing at Rev. Roberts that
the Ship M. C. Stephens is
at Monrovia on her homeward
trip I hastened home - Mr. Har-
risons - to write a letter to my
dear wife & to ready in the
morning to make out some other
papers which I desire to remit
to America. Thus it seems I
have no rest - hurried along
from one thing to another I
have hardly time for devotion
& reflection - The newness of
our position - the peculiari-
-ties of our plan of operation
the uncertainty whether the
church in the U. S. will
sustain the undertaking - the
deceit & fraud & treachery that
I find in the people upon
whom we are trying to operate,
whether Liberian or Native,
fill me with anxieties & per

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plexities during the hours that should be devoted to needful sleep. & when these break away there comes the inquiry what will I do if permitted to return to my dear wife & little ones. Can I leave them again to come here? Can I bring them to this hostile climate? Can I abandon this work? I cannot see my way to do either & one I must do. & it is even desirable that some decision be made soon for it will affect our operations here. We must lay plans for the future but who carry them into execution? Bro. H. alone cannot. God, thou who carest for the feeble creatures thou hast made pity direct & strengthen me. Write to my wife.

Church at home & the future

Mond. 9th Finished running the out er lines around our mission lands & the reserve. One man working at house. Planted more Sweet Potatoes. Bro. Heigerd not well. very little rain during the day. now 8 Oclock. rains heavily. Made a plot of our mission lands & those for the mission Settlement.

Tues. 10th Run two lines of the mission Premises & fixed the corners putting in posts that will sprout & grow. In this way too we have marked all the outs on the lines of the entire tract. Prepared to go to the Cape & in the evening came down as far as Mr. Coopers. Sugar Plantation where having some business I lodged during the night. These two men, Cooper & Leo, erected the first Steam Cane

mill on the St. Pauls & have during this season just closed made more sugar than any other establishment here.

Their own crop was	51.000 lbs.
They ground for others	10.000 "
Their own crop of Molasses	4.000 Gal.
Made for others	1.000 Gal.

They employ constantly from 8 to 12 hands - & 4 yokes of oxen. The land which they cultivate is not 50 acres. If they can find a rea dy & cash market for their pro duce they can certainly succeed well.

Wed. 11 Rose early & after ta- king breakfast started for Mon rovia - Stopped a short time at Mr. Blackledges & engaged some Coffee & Orange trees & also some Coffee berries & Palm nuts to plant. Reached Monrovia at 2 O clock.

Coffee & orange trees -

Gave Mr. A. Washington
Seventy-five dollars Cash to
purchase English goods for
us at Sierra Leone he being
about to Sail for that place.
Write to Mr. J. B. Elliott of
S. L.

Thurs. 12th Morning called on
Pres. Benson with a plot which
I had made of our Mission
lands & the Reserve, & which
represents the manner in
which we propose to divide
the lands & fix the roads &
passages, & was much gratifi-
ed to find that the plan
met the Pres. hearty appro-
val. I therefore requested
the Surveyor at once to make
out another plot & file it
in the Register's Office in or-
der that I might procure
the deed. But as the Sur-

I gave to the Mission the name of Muhlenberg in honor of the first Luth. Missionary from Germany to the U. S. I named the beautiful little [illegible] the [illegible] Creek in honor of my wife & the [illegible] which I called after the Pres. [illegible] chief Executive of the Repub. Benson & these names are with plot

negro got intoxicated & I did not get the ~~....~~ plot.
Afternoon received a visit from a Mr. Carl W. Deguezer, who ~~....~~ is a man of color, born in Europe & regularly trained in the Lutheran Church, who is now Steward on board the Ship M. C. Stephens, & who desires to procure some aid in getting a more thorough acquaintance with the English language so as to be able to teach in a Mission School. He is highly recommended. I gave him letters of recommendation to Dr. Morris & Rev. Swartz of Baltimore. I was much pleased with him.
Evening attended a wedding at the Pres. Mansion. His niece was married to a Mr. Johns a Merchant of Monrovia.

The company was large & there was considerable display of dress by the female part of the gathering. The table was rich & bounteous & the depar-tment of the guests as well as of the host & hostess was courteous & sensible. I heard much sensible conversation on various subjects & came away at a late hour much wearied, but encouraged in reference to the future of Liberia.

Frid. 13th Hired 4 Kroomen—2 for 3 months & 2 for 1 month at 3 dollars per month. Also took in charge a small boy for 6 months receive instruction & food & clothing for his services. Wrote letters to my wife, Mr. G. Draper, Missionary & Observer.—Evening at 5 O'clock

after making some purchases set out in our little boat with considerable load. Arrived at Mr. Blackledges about 8 Oclock at night & there lodged.

Sat. 14th Early this morning got the Coffee & other Scions I had engaged & set out for Mr. Oatlands. Procured more trees & there took breakfast & then started for Nullsburg. There lightened our boat by taking out some of our luggage & putting in store & then carrying our trees across the country to the Missouri, Returned & getting into the boat soon made the usual place of landing & coming on reached this place Harrisburg at dusk of evening. Well but weary. Found Bro. H well.

Sund: 15th Forenoon preached as usual here & had bible lesson.

Monday 16th Very rainy could not work out of doors & therefore did not go over to Muhlenberg. Made some doors for the house. Bro. Weigand commenced yesterday giving instruction to the Kroomen that we have employed & today they have been conning over the alphabet much of the time, determined to learn. One of them knew most of his letters yesterday & another knows them today. I have almost ever since I came out thought much about devoting considerable attention to this tribe of people, & have often talked with their head men at Monrovia about establishing a school at their town on the sea shore.

Tues. 17th Considerable Rain, Weather cool Thermometer 76° to 78°. Today

we planted out 22 Coffe trees 18 Plum - 2 Sour Sop - 1 Sweet Sop - 4 orange - 5 Papa - & 3 Guam & two Granadilla vines. Worked some at house. Somewhat afflicted with cold.

Wed. 18th At work on Mission Grounds & house. On the way returning Mr. Morton who has been working for us tripped his foot on a vine & falling forward sprained his knee so severely that he could not reach home without my assistance. The water in the river rose today about 3 ft. The current is now very violent & rough as it is driven about by the rocks. Planted Coffe Plums. 19th Extremely rainy, & not being well I did not cross the river. Kramen stay at home.

Frid 20th A clear day Bro. W.

& myself labored hard at the house all day. Planted about four or five hundred Palm nuts this afternoon in a nursery intending to make hedge of them so soon as large enough to transplant

Sat. 21st Dry most of the day. The man who had been helping us at our house being unable to work we today hired another for a day or two. All pretty well hope to be in our house in about two weeks. Heavy rains this evening & tonight. Our Kroomen continue to lodge at the Mission. We now have five of them & they appear to be good fellows. River has fallen 2 ft. during the last 24 hours.

Sund. 22nd Forenoon preached for Mr. Harrison to a small audience _ Afternoon had a con-

versation with the teacher here in regard to his neglect of the School. For the last six weeks he has taught but one day, & during the six weeks preceding he ~~has~~ did not ~~taught~~ teach half the time. He has been unwell part of the time but only a small portion, for he has been attending to his little farm & visiting about at Monrovia & other places, & yet I could not get him to see that he was neglecting his duty. So low is the standard of duty in the mission work among the generality of colored teachers & preachers, that the most censurable negligence is but a light matter in their esteem. On this account we shall perhaps not soon hire a colored teacher.

Mond. 23rd Went over to Muhlenberg pretty early & took along a young man who knows something of carpenter work, & we worked till late. Bro. Heigerd returned this evening somewhat unwell.

Mrs. Ennett a colored widow having four children applied for a place as teacher of native children. She is I think truly pious, more inteligent than the majority of even the teachers here & she appears to be willing to give her time & attention to her work. We however have no native children yet to instruct, but as we will soon if blest with health & prosperity, remove to our place we shall need some one to attend to household duties.

Tues. 24th Heavy Rain, & constant during last night & today- Bro. H. not well & remained at Harrisburg, while I went with the men to Muhlenberg & worked at the house & clearing.

Wed. 25th Showery & some sun=shine bro. H. better & at work along. For one week we have been taking along each morn=ing some of the Goods lumber &c. which we had at Harris=burg to the mission & as the Kroomen had to return each evening after bringing us here we also sent some each time by them; so that now we have most of our effects at the new house although we have only one room partly finished. The Kroomen howev=er are good watchmen & we regard the goods as safe.

Owing to the difficulty of cross ing the river so often & to the necessity of our being at the mission daily we are hasten ing to remove & hope in a few days to remain there one or two nights at a time if not longer. Perhaps we shall procure boarding at Millsburg on the same side of the river for a week or two so that we can go to the mission by land.

Thurs. 26th This being the anni versary of the Declaration of Liberian Independence no one in the Settlement worked except ourselves a part of the day. We however return ed in time to join in pub lic exercises of the day. I con sented to make a short speech. Perhaps parts of it were more

truthful than palatable.
It made some look surp=
rised when I told them
that there was more "In
dependence" in a good po-
tato patch or rice field
than in all the demon=
strations of the day or all
the declarations we could
make in themselves consider
ed, inasmuch as we must
to be independent produce
what will sustain us ei-
ther by furnishing food &
clothing or by being exchanged
for these articles.
Friday 27th Today we carried the
last of our Goods at Nagrosbuey to the Miss
ion & after Spending the day
in inclosing more completely
one room of our house in
which most of the things are
we left all in the care of

the Kroomen & returned to Mr Harrison's to Lodge.
Sat 28 Rose early - got a cup of coffee & went to the Mission to perform some additional labor preparatory my going to Monrovia. Returned to Mr. Harrison's at 1 O'clock & hastily prepared to start for the cape. Bro. Weigand accompanied me as far as White Plains where he will remain till Monday & then go to the Mission. I had three Kroomen in our little boat & as the downwards was strong we made the distance from Harrisburg to Monrovia - supposed to be about 25 ms. in 3½ hours. I reached Monrovia just at dark.
Sund. 29th Preached in the Pres. Ch. in the afternoon to a small audience & going to the M. E. Ch. at night expecting to hear the pastor preach found the people holding

Prayer Meeting. She insisted on my speaking & at length I complied & spoke a short time to a somewhat small audience but one that increased after I began. Indeed I think the Churches were very thinly attended here today. The Episcopalians & Baptists had no services in the forenoon nor perhaps at any other part of the day & there were at the Pres. Ch. only ten or twelve persons & they held a prayer meeting. Rain was the alledged excuse for this delinquency. It did rain a little but not enough to warrant such neglect of the house of God. I think the people are growing weary in well doing. In my afternoon discourse at the Pres. Ch. I tried to make them feel so.

Mond. 30th Rose early - purchased

a large number of small articles preparatory to our commencing to keep house - among other things I bought a small stove to put up in the little apartment which we are about to enter - Got the deed of our Mission Land & had it recorded & after attending to many other items of business I left Monrovia at 4 Oclock in the afternoon & reached Mr. Cooper's by 8 Oclock - The water was very strong against - our men pulled hard & were very tired as I had a heavy load in the boat. Lodged at Cooper's ~~& early~~

Tues. 31st Early this morning I rose procured from Mr. Cooper some articles which we needed & after loading the boat set out for White Plains & there breakfasted. Having been joined at White Plains by Bro. Weigand, we crossed to Muhlenberg

where we unloaded & our men carried during the afternoon most of the articles to our home.

We immediately put up the Stove & Kindled fire—then put up each of us a Camp Cot & put on proper bed clothes. We made tea & hoisting one large box on a smaller one for a table, we seated ourselves on trunks—as our chairs are yet at Millburg—& partook of a well relished meal constituted of crackers, dried Herring a little cheese & tea. We have now had our evening worship & all have laid down to rest except myself. I first make this brief record & then will also seek repose which I greatly need as I am very weary.

I desire here record my gratitude to Almighty God who has so mercifully watched over

us & our undertaking & has given unto us prosperity. Praise be to Him now & evermore. & I earnestly pray that he will in future grant unto us his guidance & aid! It is now 5 days less than 4 months since we landed at Monrovia, & we now are able to lodge in our own little house. Truly God has been good to us.

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Wed. 1st Muhlenberg; owing to exposure to the night air & the rains during ~~few~~ a few days past as well as to constant exertion I have felt much prostrated, & somewhat feverish during today. I have therefore done but little. We opened & dried our clothing & other goods & made

Some little improvements about our house. Bro. Weigert remains well & active.
Thurs. 2nd Muhlenberg; Felt better today Made a frame for our grind-Stone & hung the Stone ready for use.
Frid. 3rd Muhlenberg. Busy putting some of our tools in order hanging window Shutters & doors. Bought near 20 lbs of venison at about 5 cents per lb. Bro. W. prepared some fo supper & we found it very fine meat. Have been visited by many natives during the last two days.
Sat. 4th Muhlenberg - Still working a little at house Repairing oars & boat which from constant use have become worn out of repair.

Sund. 5th Muhlenberg: Though invited to go to Harrisburg & spend the Sunday I concluded to remain here & rest, as I yet feel much wearied & not entirely well.

Each morning & evening we call in our five Kroo=men after reading & explaining a short portion of Scripture we pray to Almighty God to protect, direct & strengthen us in our work. Each evening also bro. H. gives the men a lesson. Two of them begin to spell in three & four letters although they have been giving but little attention to the book for only about three weeks. They appear to be apt in learning & are very anxious to be able read & write.

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Sent word this morning to the native town nearest us that I would go over & speak to them this afternoon, but all the headmen were gone to another neighboring town to a feast & the women & boys were in the rice fields watching the birds from the ripening crop, which this season gives promise of being unusually large. Afternoon wrote to my wife & at night to bro. Imhoff, Ohio. Four months since leaving home.

Mond. 6th Muhlenberg. Repaired oars &c. & commenced a "country house" in the forenoon & in the afternoon went to Millsburg, Mr. Palms & White Plains. Purchased Coffee trees. & a cow. Lodged at White Plains.

Tues. 7th This afternoon reached home having had a tedious walk

in bring our cow - as we had to swim her over three deep creeks & the river. She is small but we pay for her $30. This evening finished my letter to Bro. D. J. Imhoff.

Wed. 8th Worked some at the house, putting up an additional shed or porch. We wait on the sawyers for lumber to finish the other room. Planted out coffee trees (25 trees)

Thurs. 9th Did not accomplish much today - Went to Mullsburg in the afternoon & purchased some Coffee, Orange & other trees & brought them home. Bro. H. is quite unwell today - indeed he was yes terday, but not so much so as today, for he has kept his bed all day. I have given him some medicine & he appears better

tonight. I fear as the more sickly season at the close of the Rains comes on he may have a more malignant attack than any he has yet had. May God deal mercifully with us for Jesus Sake. This day has been very rainy & yet the mercury stands at 80°

Frid. 10th Planted abt 75 Coffee trees, six Orange 6 Mango or Plum & some other shrubs. Having borrowed a Surveyor's Compass & Chain from Mr. James on leaving Monrovia last time, for the purpose of locating a road or roads along the lines of some of the lots not yet surveyed & also for the purpose of marking off some ~~the~~ lands for clearing, I went out this evening to ascertain the variation between this com

pass & the one with which the lines of our Mission land were run & then start a line for our men to cut out for a road. found that the lines run only some six weeks past have become almost obliterated by the im-mense growth of vines, bushes &c. However as I marked all the outs by putting in a post of timber that will con-tinue to grow when thus put into the ground I could find the lines accurately by cutting away the recent growth.

Bro. W. is a little better today but still unable to do any-thing. Very rainy - that is light rains & heavy mist nearly all day. Every thing seems saturated with water. Our little stove is of great service to us in keep-ing the room & our clothing dry.

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Sat. 11th Went early with the men to cut road — Cut through from S. W. line by compass to the road near our house — Came out at the point desired. We were visited today by a large company from Harrisburg. Bro. H. not much better — can be up but little. This evening had a long task in posting accounts & am tired but thankful to record that I am quite well. Desired to go down the river as far as Clay Uchlands today but could not on account of the State of Bro. H's health. ^longer but finished new price

Sund. 12th A dry day — no rain for 12 hours. Warm Sun — Mercury 82° — Walked 2 ms. to the town of Bella Jura & preached briefly to the people. Was well received. Bro. H. much better today. Evening wrote to my brother & also to my wife briefly.

Mond 13th Today had an applica tion by two men named Williams & Potter for lots in the Reservation as they had not been run off by the Surveyor & as I had borrow ed a compass & chain at Monrovia I marked them off so that they could see the corners. They were much pleased & made choice of the two lots on the S. W. of the mission house. I promised to recom mend them to the President as soon as they would improve the lots. Worked some at the house. Night wrote to Miss. Effie Rogers. Bought about 2 bushels new rice.

Tues. 14th A dry day & warm, mer cury 82°. Our Surveyor commen ced work by the month on our own land. Were visited by a number of Liberians & natives. One of the Liberians desires to pro cure a lot & settle with us. Natives

again brought Rice & fowls. One
orphan Liberian, came to be ta-
ken into our care - is to come
next week. Did some work at
the house. Night wrote a short
letter for the "Missionary."
Wed. 15th Not well today & yet
have been much annoyed by
our laborers & a horde of na-
tives who came here this morn-
ing. The laborers - more in num-
ber than usual appeared to
be unusually awkward & slow
to understand & slower still
to execute what we ordered.
The work was, Planting sweet po-
tatoes - Cutting grass & weeds out
of Cassada field - burning brush
& putting up an additional
shed roof to one side of our
house in order to make a
kitchen. Dry all day & warm.
Among our native visitors were,

two chiefs, who no doubt expec
ted that we would provide them
a fine meal & give them a
large "Dash" or present, & we were
not prepared to do the former
nor disposed to do the latter
they departed without either;
& were evidently not well
pleased.

Thurs. 16th – Still unwell, but
have labored hard. The man
who had promised to put on
the remainder of our Shed Roof
disappointing us, I finished
myself. Afternoon – attending to
Sawyers – & cutting roads. Al=
though I had never taken hold
of a the handles of a pit Saw
before I found that I could
right the men who profess to
be sawyers.

Frid. 17th. Did not sleep last night
till after four oclock. Rose feverish

& troubled with a hard cough.
A wet day - did but little.
Sat. 18th Not well - evening went
to Millsburg & then to Mr. Wash=
ington's on business & on return
ing to Millsburg, heard that Miss
Kilpatrick was sick at White
Plains - went over - found her
better - remained as I was too
weary to return - soon became
quite sick & took large doses of
medicine which with the
fever totally destroyed my
rest during the night.
Sund. 19th At White Plains. In
bed all day - fever left me
in the evening.
Mond. 20th Walked home forenoon-
very weak - evening worked a
little felt unwell - I retire ear=
ly - am weary - am sad. God
help me!
Tues. 21st Did not rest well

perspired profusely — night clothes & bed clothes changed — near morning became chilly — Rose early to write some notes & send them to Harrisburg for a carpenter & to attend to other business.

Wed. 22nd Did not sleep last night till near morning — fever all night — distress in the head — languid & troubled with cough. How I longed during the night for sleep! How I thought of home & desired that I might be there as soon as duty will allow. But patience must have her perfect work. Have a carpenter again, as we have a little more lumber.

Thurs. 23rd Have felt a little better today & have labored all day. Put up stairs to ascend to our second story — also inclosed the side of the

of the unfinished room that remained open. We now have two tolerably comfortable rooms below besides the loft. This also we intend to divide into two apartments. Having sent our Kroomen to take the carpenter over the river in a small canoe, they have just returned & report that, on coming into the midst of the river the canoe was capicized in a violent eddy or whirlpool & in attempting to get it to land it was swept down the stream against a rock & broken in pieces; & that they then swam ashore. I regret this occurrence partly because we shall have to pay

for the cause, but mostly be-
cause of the effect it may
have on the courage & the
reputation of our men.

Frid. 24. Monrovia. – Having heard
that a vessel had arrived at
the Cape with a large num-
ber of Recaptured natives, & hav-
ing some other business to at-
tend to here I started this af-
ter-noon & came down to this
place. Have had an inter-
view with Mr. Seys the Agt.
of the U. S. Govt. for Recaptu-
red Africans, & I think we
shall take some 20 or more
of these people if we can get
youths.

Sat 25th Wrote letters to
wife & one to Lutheran Obser
ver & sent them with others
to my brother, Rev. Imhoff
miss Rogars & Missionary by

the "Storm King" which sailed today under command of Lieut. Hughes for Norfolk Va. Visited the recaptured Africans at the Receptacle & other places & was deeply impressed with the sight. While gazing at them in company with a number of other visitors, their words or keepers, roused them & rising to a sitting posture (for many were lying down), they sung the following which one of the civilized Congoes interpreted to me & which I thus put into a measure & accent similar to that with which they sung it.

Thus far we've haply come,
But here we cannot stay,
Soon must we go again,

Nor can we tell which way
Tell which way
Tell which way
Nor can we tell which way

Perhaps to a Slaver Sold
Perhaps it is not So;
This ask us not to tell,
Because we do not know,
Do not know
Do not know
Because we do not know

Here food & drink we find,
And pity too is shown;
But now we end our Song;
The future is not known.
Is not known
Is not known
The future is not known.

I retired with a sad heart from this Scene. But felt & do now feel aroused to act

in behalf of these poor degraded creatures.

Night wrote a letter to the editor of the Missionary.

Sund. 26th Preached forenoon in the Methodist Ch. & afternoon in the Baptist. Lodged with Rev. E. W. Blyden.

Mond. 27th Made application for 40 of the recaptured slaves recently brought here & the application was considered by a Committee & the number granted. Left the boat home loaded.

A female Missionary of the M. E. Church Miss. M. Kilpatrick having resigned her charge, a boarding School at White Plains, & being about to return home unless some position in which she thought she could be useful was afforded her by some board & the Methodist not

being at that time prepared to act in the matter, & after [made me acquainted with the case] [some reflection & prayer] ~~learning the case from her~~ pro proposed to procure 20 Congo girls & rent her a house to keep & teach them in till we could build her a house at Muhlenberg if she would undertake that work in connection with us. She accepted & we agreed at once to select the girls. I then went to Bishop Roberts a truly fraternal man & frankly spoke to him of the matter above mentioned, explaining the circumstances under which I made the proposition to Miss. K. & he received the explanation in a truly Christian Spirit. Made some arrangements about carrying the Congoes up home & at a late hour retired, & slept some.

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Tues. 28th Rose early & made purchases of various necessary articles to the amount of $100 before breakfast. Selected 20 boys & sent them to Millsburg on the packet, in care of a civilized Congo. Selected 20 girls, & put them under the care of a civilized Congo to take up in a canoe tomorrow morning. Our boat returned about 11 Ok. from the Mission bringing a letter from Bro. W. all well. Made some additional purchases preparatory to setting out for home in the morning & now with mingled feelings of hope & fear — of joy & sorrow I am about to retire for rest. O my God wilt thou aid us in our difficult & arduous work of instructing & providing for these pitiable & depraved creatures! Do thou, our Help, be ever near.

Wed. 29th Rose very early – Got all in readiness – Started the ca[n]noe with 20 girls about 9 Oclock & at 11 Oclock got off with the boat well loaded with articles for immediate use. Reached Muhlenburg at 4 Oclock – found the boys sent yesterday doing well. Put the girls into an empty house during the night. Lodge ~~he at~~ White Plains with Miss. Kilpatrick who aided me in the selection of the girls & came up with me in the boat & perhaps will join our Mission & take charge of our girls.

Thurs. 30th Went to Muhlenberg taking along five of the larger boys. Prepared a country house for the reception of our 20 boys. Returned in the evening accompanied by bro. Weigerd. Very weary. Lodge with Mr. Outland.

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31st This morning Geo. W. started for the Mission with over 20 boys. Having furnished the boys with Shirts yesterday, we gave the Girls frocks this morning. Highly pleased the girls left the rented house for that of a civilized Congo into whose care I gave them till I return ~~[illegible]~~ the & the boys left at the same time for the Mission— Went down the river to rent a house in Millsburg from Mr. Palm the agent. Returned late & gave directions about preparing the house for the girls. Lodge tonight at Millsburg.

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Sat. 1st Rose early & went to see some Sawyers whom I desired to hire & who were not at home till a late hour last night— Crossed over to White Plains—

breakfasted there — & then started down the river calling at several places on business & reached Monrovia at 4 Oclock. Found the Beacon would not leave till Monday evening. I retire very weary. The South Shore a ship bringing stores, implements &c. for the Congo slaves recaptured off Key West, & also bringing some three hundred of the slaves, came to anchor here this afternoon, but has brought no letters. I am much disappointed as I expected to hear from my dear wife & the Committee. One of the ships containing several hundred more of the Key West recaptives is now at Cape Mount dis-charging. And another is at or near Cape Palmas. The South Shore, was to land her people here, & at Bassa & Mr. Sen-

ris the Colonization agt. Mr. Seys, American Consul, & Pres. Benson were to determine upon the number that were to be taken to each place. Pres. Benson is determined that all shall go to Bassa although both of the others are for landing some here. Pres. B's home is at Bassa & as there is a large amount of stores on the vessel & as great numbers have died, these provisions will not be needed for the people, but can be taken the authorities into whose hands the Congoes may be entrusted at Bassa. The farmers in this county, who have recently taken large numbers of the re-captives are much in need of clothing & food & implements of husbandry & yet it seems that but a small share of the large supply in store

will be landed here. Pres. B. is rather arbitrary & unfair in some of his recent public acts, & will not likely be re-elected. We now have very rainy weather.

Sund. 2nd Morning wrote to my dear wife— Forenoon heard Rev. J. Burns preach a sensible discourse on future retribution. Afternoon preached at the Meth. Church. Evening had a long conversation with Rev. J. Seys on the subject of Liberian Missions & the disposal & proper treatment of the Congoes recently brought here.

Mond. 3rd Rose early wrote to my wife— My little girls— Rev. W. W. Harrison— Rev. Chas C. Hay— Mr. James Getty— & a note to the Observer. Made some purchases & at 2 O'clock P. M. left Monro-

to ascend the river — There having been very heavy rains in the interior the river was rising rapidly & the current was unusually strong. At 8 oclock I reached Cooper's & as the men were much fatigued & hungry I stopped till evening.

Tues. 4th Rose at day light & having loaded the boat started for White Plains — there took breakfast — Crossed over to Millsburg — Examined the house which I had rented for our Congo girls. Evening came up to the mission bringing along Wesley W. Teal, an orphan Liberian who wishes to remain with us about three years. Found bro. Weigere well.

Wed. 5th Attending to various kinds of work at the Mission Commenced planting Palm hedge. (Five months since landing.)

Thurs. 6th At home – busy working at house & various other things. Afternoon a Mr. Jacobs, an American immigrant from Charleston S.C. U.S. who has been here some ten years or more & yet has done nothing for himself – came to commence work by the month as carpenter – I agreed to give him $15 per month & he accepted the offer.

Frid. 7th Mr. Jacobs began work this morning. – Attended to sever al duties here in the morning. Went to Millsburg – White Plains Mr. Washingtons & to Mr. Harris- on's where I saw Mrs. Arnett a colored woman – a widow with three daughters & a grand son, who heretofore has made appli- cation for a place as an assistant at our mission. I agreed to employ her to aid in teaching & taking care of

our Congo girls. She desired only that the Mission give her & her girls a living & on my asking her what she could live on per month she replied $4. & that she would engage to give their services for that amount. I told her the we would furnish her a room to herself & wood for her use & give her $5. per month & she appeared much pleased. Returned to Millsburg, late in the evening - very dark - found the landing with difficulty & concluded to remain at Millsburg during the night.

Sat. 8 Rose very early - removed some stores &c. to a house that I had rented for a short time for our Congo girls & some one to take care of them - Removed Mrs. Bennett to Millsburg, Bro. Weigand having come down to help. Her second daughter

being greatly afflicted with a sore on her foot having already lost one toe had to be carried with great care in a hammock. Christ cared for the poor. This woman & her children are objects of charity & at the same time may do us much good. May God smile upon this new relation! Came home late this evening weary enough. Bro. H. did not return as he had gone to White Plains. All our Congoes & Kroomen have gone to rest & our place is as quiet as the grave. Nothing heard but the slight scratching of my pen. What will the state of this place in 20 or 50 years hence. Will it again be overgrown by bush & be half deserted as so many of the settlements in all parts of Liberia are? God forbid! Purchased a horse from Mr. Ballard

at $55. I design to remove it from Millsburg to Muhlenberg for a School house, as we are much in need of one & can put this up in a shorter time than we can erect a new one.

Sund. 9th This has been to me a day of peaceful rest. As it was somewhat rainy I did not take the boys to Millsburg as I had designed but remained quietly at home. Had all called together twice for religious exercises, but as I had no Congo interpreter I could not speak to the Congo boys. To the Kroomen I spoke in English. Read some in "Venns duty of man". How pleasant thus to commune with the devout & pious of past times!

Mon. 10th But little done today pointed out work in the morning for hired men & boys. Went

to Millsburg—to receive a Cask of Salt & measure & store it—Man did not come at all to measure it—Waited two hours & then went over river to see why he did not appear at the hour appointed. "He really had forgotten it"—thus time goes here. Three of the Congo girls sick & needy of attention because of eating green fruit—Congo ~~boys~~ rebellious while I was absent would not get wood for cooking—thus creating a necessity for inquiry & likely for punishment tomorrow evening. Wrote an agreement between the Mission & Mrs. Barnet. Had a long dispute with a Liberian about a bill he presented for payment. It got dark—three miles to go home there creeks or creeks at three places to cross & small poles without handrail—Brush thick & path crooked & narrow.

got home weary & wet with perspiration — thus we go.

Tues. 11th Forenoon — at home attending to work — Afternoon again at Millsburg & C. Washingtons measuring & receiving Salt & other articles for which I had sent to Sierra-Leone. Three Congo boys sick — the three sick girls better.

Wed. 12th Working at an addition to our house. Cutting road — Clearing up the yard — building a country house & making fence some by the job — some by the month & some by the day. Congo boys appear to improve. Considerable Rain — Hard showers at times & at others fine drizzling rain or mist. Health pretty good — thanks to our Father above.

Thurs. 13th At Home — variously employed —

Frid. 14th Quite unwell & did but little.

Sat. 15 Still unwell- Gave names today to our boys & this evening tried to teach each one his name by repeating it & at the same time pointing him out. Many of them readily remembered them, but others could not.

This has been perhaps the most rainy day we have had during the season- It never ceased from early till late & much of the it rained very heavily. Our Women in going to Millsbury were compelled to swim one of the creeks as the water entirely covered the foot log.

We have not been able yet to give as much attention to our boys as we desired, partly for want of time & partly for want of room. But we

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hope soon to have a place better prepared for meeting in & more time to devote to their instruction The names, arranged after the size of the Boys are as follow.

1 Wm. A. Passavant.
2 John D. Martin.
3 Hezekiah Geiger.
4 Charles A. Hay.
5 Chas. P. Krauth.
6 Michael Diehl.
7 Thomas Hill.
8 Walter Gunn.
9 John Heck.
10 Samuel S. Schmucker.
11 ~~John~~ Jacob F. Reinmund.
12 Henry Reck.
13 Alexander J. Imhoff.
14 John W. Goodlin.
15 Jacob B. Baltzley
16 Edward Kilpatrick
17 Frederick W. Conrad
18 Benjamin Kurtz
19 Samuel Sprecher.
20 William H. Harrison

No doubt some of these boys will disappoint our hopes of them, but at present they do appear to be a very prom-ising company of heathen chil-dren.

Sund. 16th A very wet day; but as the river has fallen a little the rains have evidently subsided somewhat in the interior. The boys & men today keep close to their fires when they can & complain of cold, although the Mercury does not descend below 78° – Yesterday it was down to 75°

Mond. 17 Rainy part of the day – not much done – Cutting timber & making roads.

Tues. 18th Our Surveyors having been detained the last few days at Millsburg by high water, came again today. Made some rude stone butments at the crossing of Susan Creek & put on a foot-log. Looked out a lot of timber to hew & saw for a School House. Made drawings of School House for the carpenter.

Wed. 19th At the Mission — consid-
erable Rain — Commenced a porch
in front of our house.
Thurs. 20th At Millsburg, White
Plains &c. Lodged at White Plains
with Rev. Walker of the Gaboon
Mission — a sensible good man.
Frid. 21st Having heard that the
Ocean Eagle of New-York is
in & has brought letters & pa-
pers for us I came down this
morning from White Plains
to Monrovia by breakfast. It
rained terribly almost the
whole time of our passage.
I received only one letter — that
from my dear wife. All pret-
ty well at its date (July 6th)
She had received no word from
me up to that date — but
in two of our church papers
issued one week later there
are two of my letters which

were sent by the same vessel that took my first letter to my wife. Rained all day & I did nothing but read the papers just received till late this evening when I made some small purchases. At night made a settlement with Rev. S. Harrison who is now here. We had boarded with him some months at Harrisburg & had purchased lumber &c. from him to the amount of nearly $100. But we soon completed the settlement as we had no disputing to do — as is the case in most of the settlements I make here. Mr. H. has dealt fairly with us.

Sat. 22d This morning received from Rev. John Seys, U. S. agent for recaptured Africans, 757½ yds.

of cotton cloth to make two
Suits of clothes a piece for our
Congo children. Also took his
Due bill for the amount of
40 country cloths at 80cts each
which he was to furnish but
which I purchased at once on
taking the children.... Gave
Mr. Gabriel Moore a draft on
the Treas. of the Mission for $100.
& thus closed an account with him.
Closed an account with McGill
& bro. by receiving several articles
from his store & a balance in
cash due the Mission of $45.47.
Purchased Goods from Warner & Son
amounting to $17.80. Received a good
letter from my dear wife it hav-
ing come in this morning by the
Packet which brought up the Eng.
mail of last month. At 11 O'clock
Started home - came here - White
Plains - by 7 O'clock in the even-

ing - Boatmen tired out - Myself hungry & weary, & so we lodge here. The river is now very high & the water runs with great rapidity & force, & is difficult of ascent.
Sund. 23rd Forenoon preached at Millsburg & aided bro. Roberts of the M. E. Church in administering the Communion. A long & heavy rain detained us in the church till late in the afternoon. Lodge again; at White Plains. Evening - Baptized an infant son of Mr. Anderson - the first child that I have baptized in Liberia.
Mond. 24th Early this morning the Kroomen came down & informed me that bro. Heigerd was sick & that 11 of our Congo boys had run away on Friday night while I was at the Cape. These two items of intelligence saddened my heart much. I hastened home

as soon as I could & found bro. W. rather better. The boys had taken with them 14 country cloths seven Cuttasses & three or four chickens. They deterred the 9 who refused to accompany them from telling us by threats of murdering them. But as soon as they had left one of these remaining came to the house & knocked at the door till he aroused bro. W. & informed him that the others had gone. As however there was only one Kroomau here they made no pursuit. Miss Kilpatrick came along here today & seems much pleased with the place. This evening late I heard that 11 Congo boys with cuttasses &c. were seen this morning on the Careysburg road about 4 ms. from the river & were going on to the South East

& also that they informed some one whom they met that they were on their way to the Congo country & would be guided in the journey by the sun till they reached their own country. I immediately sent two men to Millsburg to start very early in the morning after them & make all efforts they could to arrest them. I had already sent word down the river & back into the country that any one who would return them would receive a reward.

Tue. 25th Reconstructed a foot bridge over Sesson's creek it having been swept away by the recent violent flood. Went to Millsburg & White Plains with Miss. K. in a heavy Rain. Returned late tonight wet & weary.

Wed. 26th Mending some chairs that were broken on the passage.

Putting Sash & Glass in the windows of our house - having hitherto only used Shutters as is common here. But as we could not have light except when the Shutters were open we found Glass desirable. Superintending - Some clearing & the erection of country houses. Bro. H. Still improves. Today has been pretty dry & warm; but the rain falls heavily now & there is a prospect of a wet night.

Thurs. 27th Clearing ground for Coffee Trees & vegetables.

Frid. 28th Resumed work again on the road to Millsburg. A rainy afternoon - very hot Sun during part of the forenoon. This evening about 5 Oclock Mr. Jacobs our carpenter who with Mr. Williams had gone

in Search of our Congo boys
returned with nine of them
& reported that the other two
would most likely be return
ed tomorrow - that he over=
took the boys about 9 hours
walk beyond Careysburg in a
native town of the Queah
tribe - that they had, after
a fight in which several of
them were wounded, been cap=
tured & divided out among
the men of the town as slaves
& that he had difficulty in
getting them. Some of them
have lost their country clothes
& shirts & they all look weary
& distressed. Thanks be to God
that they have been brought
back! And may we have
grace & wisdom to train them
up in the right way. & may
they prove an honor to the Church.

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Sat. 29th. This forenoon was spent in examining the boys seperately in order to ascertain all we could in regard to their running away. The following is, briefly the result of our examination of nearly half a day.

About ten days past some of the larger of our boys were with us at Millsburg doing some work & while there they fell in company with one of Mr. Zach. Outlands Congo boys who told them that a number of Mr. Cato Outland's Congoes had run away & that he had not been able to find them & sugges ted that they all might as well leave & go where they pleased. On their way home our boys dis cussed the matter & it seems came to the conclusion to prepare for ma- king their escape. Accordingly on

reaching the Mission they did not
give up their "cattapes" (with which they had been cutting grass) to be locked
up as usual, & as I was on my
way to Monrovia, & Geo. W. only
was at home & as he was unwell
& the evening was very rainy
no one took the knives from them
& they were carefully laid away
for use on the way after they
should make their escape. The
next day they managed in some
way to get three more cattapes
making seven in all. The matter
it seems was spoken of among
the larger boys for a day or two
more & they finally on Friday
night the 21st they informed the
small boys that they had determ
ined on leaving the Mission & re-
turning to their own country. The
accordingly brought out the seven
cattapes & killing 4 chickens ate
two of them & cooked the other two

for the journey. They then urged all the small boys to join them in their flight. In this as well as in all the preparations hitherto the boy whose country name is Menzamba but whom we call John D. Martin took the lead. He said that he was no slave nor was his father — that good or noble blood flowed in his veins & that let the others do as they would he would return to his country. The little boys refused a long parley ensued — the little ones threatened to awake bro. W. & tell him of their going — the large ones threatened to strike them down with their cuttlasses if they attempted to leave the country home in which they then were — Finally 6 of the small boys were induced to go along with the 5 large

ers, & seizing three of the country
cloths belonging to the boys that
remained they hastily left. The
boy "Zinga" = now Michael Deihl.
ran at once to the door of the
mission house roused bro. W. &
told him what had taken
place. As however only ~~one~~
one of our Kroomen was then
at home no pursuit was attem=
pted.

(I did not reach White
Plain on my return from Mon=
rovia till late Saturday night
& as the boatmen were tired out,
we lodged there. Next morning
being urged by Mr. Roberts to
remain & preach for him that
morning I concluded to do so &
then not go home till Monday
morning as I had business to at=
tend to at Millsburg & also would
have to take up our load of

goods from White Plains. I how
ever sent the Kroomen home
with a note to bro. W. inform-
ing him of my design of rem
aining till Sunday but requesting
him if he was unwell to let
me know at once. But he
did not send me any word
till mon. morning when he
~~sent~~ the Boatmen to tell me
that he was sick & that 11
of the Congoes had run away.
I at once despatched a messen-
ger to the Congo towns on the
left bank of the St. Pauls to
inform the people of event & to
request them to bring back the
boys if they should come to the
either of the places. Then crossing
over to Millsburg, I made inquiries
& sent word out that I would
give a reward to any one who
would return the fugitives. Con-

ing on home I found Bro. G. better but could do nothing more that day. In the evening hearing that the boys had been seen going towards Cazenovia that morning early (24th) I procured two men to start from Millsburg in pursuit by sun rise next morning.)

The boys went to the Cassada fields N. W. of Millsburg & remained till Sunday night when they came down to town loosed a large canoe at one of the landing & using sticks & cuttasses for paddles passed over to the S. E. side & set out with each a load of Cassada taken from the fields above mentioned. A few miles from the river they met a man whom they told that they were going to their own country & that they would be guided

in their journey by the Snow. At Careysburg an attempt was made to arrest them but it failed & after a short skirmish in which two of the boys lost their shirts & three their country clothes they pursued their way. Some 12 or more miles S.E. of Careysburg they came to a large native town of the Queah tribe. Placing the little boys in front & directing them which way to go the large ones covered the rear & fought off all who attempted to take them while they hurried the little fellows through the village. With difficulty all passed through but were closely pursued by the men of the place & the beating of the drum in the town hastily called in all the people from the rice fields & in crossing a creek

close to the town the 6 little
ones were captured. Their cries
soon brought back the five large
ones & a sharp fight ensued, which
must have lasted more than
half an hour. "Tsange" - now
Wm. A. Passmont was taken
after some wounds. "Pazzo" - now
smitten down with a hand spike &
Hezekiah Geiger - was also ~~[illegible]~~
after laying senseless for some time found him-
self ~~seen in the hands & overpowered~~ -
(bound)
Rovle Chas. R. Krauth
~~Kualla~~ - now ~~Chas. A. Hay~~ recei-
ved a terrible blow of a cutlass
on the top of the head - laying
open the flesh for three in-
ches or more & was also captu-
red - Chas. A. Hay "Kualla" received a
severe cut on the little finger
of his left hand, but was not
taken. Martin the leader ap-
pears to have fought desperate-
ly. Being first attacked ~~&~~
by the headman of the town
who, struck him when the arm

he returned the blow-cut off
the point of the mans shoulder
& made a gash in the side of
his neck. Several arrows were
shot at him & Hay & a number
of spears were thrown none
of which took effect. A man
then drew near with a gun
& was about to discharge it
when Martin sprang forward
siezed the gun turned it aside
& made a stroke with his cutlass
at the mans head, which he
escaped by letting go the gun
& retreating. Finally these two
Martin & Hay seeing that all the
others were taken & that their
enemies were multiplying about
them turned & fled to swamps
where they remained most of
the time till they in some way
learned that our men had come
for them & were in the town &

they then came forth & gave them
selves up. They had however come
round to this side of the swamp
when they received the inteligence
& they say that it was their des
ign to return home as soon as
the road would be clear. They
certainly exhibited a good degree
of courage & skill in defence.
After the examination I told
them what punishment each
would receive & after a faint plea
for pardon they all submitted
with calmness humility to their
fate. They moreover confess that
it is just & right.
Afternoon hastened to Millsburg
to see how the girls under the
care of Mrs. Brust are doing also
to attend to other business there
& at White Plains. Settled
with one of our lawyers for
a months work & hired him

again at $9 per month & he boards himself. He is a Congo & serves as our interpreter when here. Was kept at Millsburg till late at night — & as it was very rainy did not return home but lodged at White Plains. Had a long conversation with Mrs. K. about her joining our mission. Retired weary & sad — weary from exertion — sad at the scenes of the day & some dark clouds that seem to be gathering over us, & our work.

Sund. 30th Spent forenoon at Millsburg with the girls & afternoon here with the boys the exercises at both places were pleasant & encouraging. God be praised for the mercies of this day & pleasures I have enjoyed in my exalted employment.

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Mond. 1st Rainy most of the day. Cutting Millsburg Road. Sawyers not here — Carpenters working at house.

Tues. 2nd After giving directions about the work this morning, I went to Millsburg to attend the annual meeting of the citizens of the Township for the purpose of Electing Road Commissioners, arranging business pertaining to roads generally & attending to some other township interests. I also took the two native chiefs, Balla Jury & Jella Billa to attend the meeting to procure release from some oppressive ~~measures~~ practices that the Millsburg people have persisted in towards them. They claim that their township

is 8 miles square but the only road that they recognize as a public highway is a street, so called, running through ~~the~~ what was once the village of Millsburg, & suburbs, but more than one half of which is now overgrown with bushes, & which is perhaps not much more than ½ miles long. They have been compelling the natives to come in from the towns of the chiefs above mentioned, a distance of three miles in the one case & four in the other, & to work this piece of road, & at the same time obliging them to keep open the paths from their own towns to Millsburg. About two years since they prosecuted these chiefs & made them pay a fine of about $35. for neglect of

their country paths, as they call them. I urged that they should release the natives from one or the other & as we had now formed a new Settlement nearer the natives & the law made the division line for road making half way between any two Settlements, they should allow the natives to work the country paths, or join with us in cutting a road to Hillsbury. For although according to law they would be required to make half the road we were willing to make it all, if only they would release us from working the road immediately before their doors, they refused - I then proposed that they keep the help of the natives on their little piece of road & only instruct their road commissioners to locate that part of the road that would be in their bounds & the Mission

would make the entire road
road. they refused. I then spoke
of cutting out the road ourselves
& one of the new-Yorke. Outland
that owns land on the rout
of the road said that I could
not make a road through
his land without his permis-
sion & on my asking if he
would grant that permiss-
ion he would make no
definite reply. Because I had
said in the presence of the Chief
that it was not right or
lawful to make the natives
work in town & make the
country roads too. Esq. Cato
Outland threatened me with
prosecution for inciting the
natives to rebellion. So perverse
a spirit I never met before.
The other business with which
I had nothing to do was got
through with amid insults, to
eachother — Boasts of freedom & dec

larations that they would not obey the law - & that Pres. could not compel them to observe the law unless they chose to do so. I retired with a heavy heart & almost ready to agree with the Southern slave holders of the U. S. that the negroes will never make a civilized & independent people. I also discovered that this is the real sentiment of many in that meeting & this explains ~~the reason~~ of their refusal to aid or even encourage - or even let alone any one who attempts public improvements. They are convinced that the whole undertaking here will fail & all they seek for present ease & profit.
Evening went to Mr. Harrison's. Retired very late - rather unwell -
Wed. 3rd Went to Mt. Coburg - attended to some small duties there - came home - thick - all the way through a drenching rain.

[illegible] 5 @ $3. board 20 —	25.00
Sugar —	19.00
Carpenter	15.00
Assistant for Girls	5.00
Jobs — average	6.00
40. Children food @ 25 [illegible]	40.00
Clothes — 50 cts for them	20.00
Building Material	20.00
Boxes for windows @ 150 each	12.00
Clothes —	10.00
Household goods & implements	15.00
Stock	10.00
	204.00
	12
Building Material	24.48
[illegible]	120
Salary	50
	261.8
Horsework at Mills	19.00

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Thurs. 4th Muhlenberg — Today have felt more comfortable than yesterday & have been very busy most of the time about the house — our carpenter being sick. Commenced painting doors & of the house — evening went out to select some timber for sawing.

Frid. 5th Today completes our 6th month in this country, & we have great reason to adore & worship that God by whom we have been so mercifully preserved from disease in this hostile climate. Nor have we less reason to render him thanks for the favor which he has shown us in giving us prosperity in our work.

We have been so directed that the place which we have selected is I think a most advantageous one — we have a considerable space cleared

& planted, & now have a comfortable house (almost completed) of two rooms below & two above with two small shed rooms for stores.

Two reliable men as we hope have taken lots on the Reservation & are now in the employ of the Mission & another has made application for a lot.

The two Congo boys that did not return with the rest were brought in this morning, so that we now have the whole 40 native children with us, & all except one boy & one girl are in good health. The progress that they are making in learning the alphabet & English words is encouraging, while with the single exception of running away of the 11 boys they have not thus far given us much trouble.

Our native neighbors are very friendly & certainly very fair in

their dealings considering that they are heathen. We hope to do them good.

The greatest opposition we have is from some of the Liberians at Muhlenburg; & yet we hope that even they may treat us & our enterprise with more fairness after a while.

Besides the 40 Congo children we have in our regular employ by the month 6 Kroomen - 1 Liberian (Sawyer), 1 Liberian (carpenter) & 1 Liberian widow woman with 4 children & expect Miss Kilpatrick to join us in two or three days. Our Mission company therefore here & at Muhlenburg numbers 56. Beside these we have constantly several native men as well as Liberians employed at jobs of work.

We now have Sweet Potatoes ready for use that of our own

planting on the Mission Grounds, & our crop will I think be amply sufficient for our own use.

~~Friday 5th Rice engagement as yesterday. Evening.~~ Wrote a letter to my wife— Wrote 2nd Quarterly Report— Too rainy to work out of doors.

Saturday 6th Rainy much of the day— This morning we sent the whole 20 of our Congo boys to help Jolla Bulla, the nearest native Chief— cut Rice. They did so well that he wished them all to return on Monday. The Kroomen were cutting road to Millsburg, for we still continue that work in hope that the Millsburg people will allow it to pass through to that place. Not very well. Considerable fever—as I got wet in the forest where we are making road.

Sund. 7th At home— to rainy to visit either Millsburg or the native towns.

In the afternoon I tried to teach the Congo boys to sing the first verse of the little hymn. "There is a happy land" — The became able to repeat after me the words & a few of them caught up the tune. They were much pleased although they could not under stand the words & our inter preter being absent I could not tell them their meaning. In= deed we have no one regularly employed as interpreter but have a civilized Congo hired to sew by the month & he is here morn= ings & evenings through the week & will soon move to our settle ment & will then be with us on Sunday. We desire to have the children attain the English as fast as possible & therefore do not use the Congo so much as we otherwise would.

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Mond. 8th At home finishing Kitchen Store room &c.

Tues. 9th Came to Millsburgh to remove Miss Kilpatricks Goods to the Mission — Transported part of them across the river. Lodged at White Plains.

Wed. 10th Very busy all day having sent out to the Mission 30 loads — (by porters — our own men & boys) we reached the Mission after sun set, found bro. Neigel well & had a pleasant evening talking of the prospects of our work.

Thurs. 11th At home — Busy with a multitude of small things.

Frid 12 Went to Millsburg in the after noon & purchased one of the finest looking cows that I have seen in the country & also her calf from Mr. Zachariah Outland for 31 dollars in Specie.

Sat. 13th The deputy Sheriff of this county having been ordered yesterday to take our Carpenter, Jacobs to Monrovia to be imprisoned for debt, requested me to endorse for Jacobs & thus save him the disgrace of the prison. I declined this but proposed that if both he & Jacobs were agreed to it I would pay over to the Sheriff $6 of Jacobs wages at the close of every month which he worked for the Mission till the debt - about $35. would be paid. The Deputy agreed to stay further proceedings at present if I would go to Monrovia on Monday next & propose the same thing to the High Sheriff. I agreed to do so.

Sund. 14th At home.

Monday 15 Left home in the fore noon for Millsburg designing to

to come on to Monrovia after doing some business at sever-al places along the river. Reached Monrovia at 4 O'clock & on approaching the Wharf saw landing, nearly two hun-dred recaptured slaves that had just been brought off the Cora, a slaver that was brought in yesterday with ~~87~~ 750 slaves on board. Many of them appear to be of sprightly minds & healthy bo-dies. Others are afflicted much with diseases of the skin.

Called on the High Sheriff & told him what I proposed to do in the case of pirates & he re-plied that he would give me a definite answer tomorrow. Took tea with Rev. John Seys & lady. A pleasant evening. No rain today — but warm.

Tues. 16th Paid off three of our Irishmen for three months each & hired one of them again. Mr. Miner, the Sheriff did not call on me as he promised. The rain has been so constant today that I could do but little business. This evening called on Bishop Burns, my constant friend & fraternal colaborer in the Mission work, & spent the evening both pleasantly & profitably at his house. Came away refreshed & strengthened for duty. Certainly bro. Burns is a fraternal, honest, sensible & deeply pious man. I love him.

Wed 17th. The rain continued nearly all of last night accompanied with almost constant & terribly sharp & violent thunder. I could not sleep. Became

nervous & feverish, & the harsh clatter of the thunder produced a pain in my head. I am now convinced that we have along the the Sea-board here much more violent & severe thunder than in any part of the U. S. that I have been in. The effect on my system was not caused by the depressed state of my nerves, for my system is just now in good tone & I am as vigorous as I usually was at home.

Wed. 17th Owing to the rain yesterday I could not get ready to go home today. Sheriff Miner agreed today to allow Mr. Jacobs to continue working for us if I will pay over to the latter 6 dollars per month of his wages. Made some purchases - had some long discussions with a few of the principal men here in re-

gard to the condition & prospects of the country & the right policy to be adopted by missions.

Thurs. 18th Closed up my Quarterly Report & mailed it, to be sent to U.S. by the Regr. Cord also a letter to my wife & one to my sister Electa Lane.

Set out for home at half past 10 Oclock & reached Mills hing a little after sunset. After arranging some business there came on home — there being dim moonlight. But owing to a very heavy rain during the afternoon the path in places was filled to the depth of several inches with water & having only shoes on my feet became very wet. Found all well at home.

Frid 19th Preparing a country house to use for Morning & evening worship.

Sat 20 Part of the day at home &

part at Millsburg. Came home late wetted with rain & weary.
Sund. 21st Hitherto we have held Religious services in our own dwelling - although too small to accommodate all well, - because we had no other place - Having now put mats round a large thatched shed, we this morning had our services there. Only our own children & our hired men were present - till near the close when about a dozen Golahs came & Miss. Kilpatrick gave them an hours instruction. Evening - feel sad in reflecting on my long absence from my family & in the life long absence of my darling boy. My dear little Samuel I can see you no more in this life! God grant me grace to bear this bereavement! God keep me faithful till I meet him above!

Mond. 22nd This morning held for the first time our Morning Services at 6 O clock. We repeat & have the children repeat after us, the ten Commandments & the Lord's prayer - sing a portion of a hymn & close with a doxology.
Tues. 23rd. Hewing & sawing timber for frame of Chapel.
Wed. 24th Cutting timber for Chapel & carrying it home, a distance of nearly one mile. Some of it being heavy & the road being bad the men soon became weary. This method of transportation - "Toat ing" - is both tedious & toilsome
Thurs. 25th Today while with our men getting timber near a "Kitchen" or rice house where several persons were storing away their grain ed noticed a number of Strangers

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~~arrival~~ coming ~~on~~ in from the interior part of the country, & soon after heard one of the women "cry". I inquired the cause & was informed that she rejoicing at the arrival of her brother whom she had not seen for many years, & that she was also lamenting the death of many of her friends who had died in the same country where he had been. The "cry" was unlike the ~~usu~~ usual lamentation for the dead—not having the same tone—accent nor being accompanied by the same gestures. ~~Th~~ This custom I have not observed before today but the headman Tom says it is prevalent in the country from which he brought his wife, & she adheres to it here.

Heavy Rain this afternoon. Hot. Sun part of the day.

Frid. 26th. Bro. Weigard has been sick for several days past. Most of

the time confined to the room &
part of it to his bed.
Frid. 26th Sawing timber for Chap-
el.
Sat. 27th Not much done. Went
to Mullsbury, White Plains & Har-
risburg on business with several
persons. — Heavy Rain afternoon
Sund. 28th At home — Having
our interpreter at home again
we had Services in the Cargo house
& I talked a long time to our
boys, about the ten Command-
ments, which we repeat each
morning — Much Rain afternoon
Mond. 29 This evening I went
to see Mrs. Brnets little girl at
Mullsbury. She has long been suf-
fering with an ulcer on her foot,
& has recently become worse &
is now indeed quite sick. She
appears to be patient, & to confide
in the Savior for Salvation.

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Tues. 30th Laid foundation of Chapel. Finished a Country house for Mrs. Arnet whom we have hired to assist in teaching & taking care of our Congo girls. No rain today. Sun warm.

Wed. 31st Gave a Draft on the Treas, in favor of Chas. Cooper for $50, having purchased Sugar Pork &c. from him for about half that amount & having the promise from him that he will pay the balance to me in Specie on demand. This evening one of our Kroomen & also one of the Congoes who have been sick for four days, grew much worse. We have them both in our Sitting room, have bathed both in warm water, & have administered Medicine. The Krooman, an excellent youth quiet industrious, obedient, & cheerful, can speak a little English. He being

much alarmed about his state inquired often today if I thought he would recover & this evening after coming in he said "Do tell tell me for true if I will get well. I replied that I could not tell, that I had been much sicker than he is & had recovered & I hoped he would - that I would give him the best medicine I knew of & would pray for him & that he should pray that God would do with him what is best & would save him in heaven whenever he would take him out of this world. He replied that he did not know how to pray. I informed him in a simple manner how to present his requests to God in the name of our Savior & assured him God would hear him. He appeared more quieted & soon fell asleep. God help me to deal with these poor heathen.

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Thurs. 1st Having had but little sleep last night I have been feverish today, but as the County house which we have built for Mrs. Arnet & also that designed for the Congo Girls are now ready to receive them I went to Millsburg this evening & brought up the 20 girls & part of Mrs. A's effects & also some of our Stores at the house which we have rented at M. There was heavy rain during nearly the whole walk to Millsburg & the grass & bushes in the lower part of the road which is yet in a bad state being very wet I became much wetted &, as the walking is very bad, much wearied. Congo boy Conrad better — Peter the Krooman still quite ill. Now in the room near me.

Frid 2nd A toilsome day. Rose

early & sent off the men & boys to Millsburg to bring up the remainder of our stores & of Mrs. Bennets goods. ~~They returned~~ After early breakfast I followed & did not return till between three & four o'clock having sent the men three trips in the meantime. On reaching home found that according to a previous arrangement bro. Seegers & Miss Kilpatrick had prepared dinner for our entire company or in other words for all connected with the Mission & also for a few of the natives, The table was set in the large Country House in which we have morning & evening prayers. The company consisted of our 40 Congo children 4 Kroomen — Our two Sawyers one of their wives, Mrs. Bennet & four children — Our carpenter & wife & overseers three & ~~[illegible]~~ native

Chiefs besides some ten natives who chanced to be present — In all about 70 persons. After taking dinner our interpreter being present, I addressed the company briefly & dismissed them. Perhaps it may be owing to weariness that tonight I feel a peculiar mental depression — And indefinable sorrow. Perhaps partly to a consciousness that during the exertions & vexations of the day I have given way to impatience. God help me to bear with meekness the trials incident to my situation here! Peter the Kroomen still quite sick — Conrad the Congo boy also. One of the girls also is sick.

We now constitute a large family in all 52 besides some 7 or 8 others that are in our employ & are with us most of the time. Their large number requires much care & attention

Sat. 3rd: Busy in making numerous little preparations for the cooking of food sleeping & instruction of the children — Attending to the sawyers — Planting a lot with Sweet Potatoes. Evening having our interpreter present I talked a long time to the children & tried to get them interested in themselves — the rules that we have made for their observance & the duties that we require of them. At night, commenced a letter for the Lutheran Observer,

Sund 4th At home, had a pleasant Sunday. Exercises in the morning at 10 when our interpreter was present — Singing exercises twice during the day. Afternoon a lesson in the catechism.

Mond. 5th Planted a Cassada patch — Prepared ground for Sweet Potatoes —

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Hired another man who understands sawing planting &c. so that William he can take the place of the Congo boys during School hours, & thus keep the saw going & can instruct the boys in planting during the hours of work

Tues. 6th Preparing tools for Carpenter. Laid on the sills of our Chapel & thus commenced the frame. Afternoon a Chill, quite sick — high fever this evening.

Tues. ~~Oct~~ Nov. 13th — I have now been sick one week — not too sick during the early part of last week to make any record here for I did write some during that time, but being unwell & having much to do this duty was neglected. We were preparing the Chapel frame for raising, we were hurrying to plant vegeta

bles for the Dries, & were first introducing our regular order of daily exercises for the Children. These are as follow.
From 6 to 6½ Oclock in the morning religious exercises - Repeat the Ten Commandments - Sing, Pray closing with the Lords Prayer & concluding with a doxology.
6½ to 9 Work - 9 to 10 breakfast - 10 to 1 School; 1 to 2 recreation; 2 to 5 work; 5 to 6 supper; 6 to 6½ Evening Prayers - Recite Apostles Creed, Sing, Pray, & Conclude with doxology. From 6½ to 7½ or 8 we have lessons for some of our laborers.

I neglected or rather deferred taking medicine untill on Wed. afternoon when I was taken with the most violent chill that that I have ever experienced. It was followed by high

fever attended with great dis
tress in the head. About the
same time on each day follow
ing till Nuna. the chill re=
turned, in Spite of all the ef=
forts I could make to check
it. One dose of Calomel Oper=
ated freely, & all the diuretics &
Dia phoretics that I used also
operated promptly but Still
the chill returned.
Thanks to a Merciful God the
remedies have at last prevail=
ed I again am almost free
from fever. I humbly acknowl=
edge the hand of God in this
affliction & confess devoutly that
I needed to feel the chastening
hand of a faithful but Merciful
Father. O May it prove a
blessing to me indeed. May I
be more meek, careful, & in
all things more faithful to

the cause of true piety.
I Should Spend more time
in Secret prayer & in medita-
tion on the Word & ways of
God.

Wed. 14th Raised the frame of the
Chapel; the work is only toler
ably well done. Bro. K. & Sister
K. both rather unwell, but
still up most of the day.
Bought 11 Keros (half bushels)
of Rice.

Thurs. 15th A heavy rain last night,
hot sun during the forenoon — Rain
attended with a small amount of
hail. Thermometer at 3 Oclock P. M.
81°.

Frid 16th Run a line from the S. E
corner of the Mission Reservation
~~to the S. E.~~ 30 rods in the course
of our South line So as to find
the S. E. corner of the Mission
Premises; as we wish to make

Some fences, along our lines.
This forenoon while our boys were bathing in the river one of them, S. S. Smucker [inserted: Jeh] was drowned. A Golah man sitting on the bank says he saw him dive in the water & waited a long time to see him arise but he did not appear & he went to Tom the headman of a native town near by & reported it. The boys coming out & returning did not miss him, & I did not know of the accident for more than two hours. His body we have not yet discovered at 3 Oclock P. M. He was a fine promising boy & we deeply lament his loss.
Sat. 17th Started for Monrovia in the forenoon but stopping at several places on the way did not arrive till evening. too late to attend to any business

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Sund 18th Forenoon preached in the Pres. Church & in the Meth. Church in the evening — Small audience in the morning — large one at night.

Mond. 19 Rose early but owing to heavy rain did but little business till afternoon — Called on Rev. Benson & proposed to purchase from the Government a five acre lot on the Reservation which we need for a road & for the use of the water of Indian Creek which flows through it; but he cheerfully replied that he would donate it to the Mission & would execute a deed for it as soon as I would give him the number. Made purchases of various articles which we need for Mission use & for trade with the natives from whom we purchase our supply of rice.

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Tues, 20th Finished & mailed two letters for the Lutheran Observer – One to my wife & one to my little girls. Received from Mr. Seys his note for one hundred dollars & passed it to Mr. Warner for Goods. The note was given on account of Boarding of Congo children with us, as the United States makes provision for them for one year. Left Monrovia for home at 11 Oclock – Stopped at Chas. Coopers & received a balance (due the Mission on a Bill of Exchange which I had given him) of $28.87. Arrived at home at 8 Oclock in the evening – Found All well as usual – They have found the body of L. L. Schmucker the Congo boy that was drowned last Friday. An inquest was held & he is buried.

Wed. 21st Rose this morning with melancholy feelings that have clung to me all day. Can have no interest seemingly in the work here. Long to return home to my family. My religious enjoyment is gone.
Thurs. 22nd At work at the Chapel & various other things. Am yet sad & gloomy I cannot tell why. God have mercy on me & direct my ways.
Frid. 23rd Have not felt well today - Some fever - Long to go home to my dear wife & children. Bro. Heigeia sick this evening - Planting Tunia, or, Eddoes - Also some fruit trees.
Sat 24th Still working at Chapel also planting vegetables - hard rain
Sund. 25th At home all day - had several short services with Congo children natives here & our Assistants in the mission.

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Mond. 26th Busy in various duties all the day. The work at the Chapel progresses slowly. We are nearly done planting the ground that we have secured. Sun very hot – Hight Shower.

Tues 27th to Frid 30th At home – working at Chapel – planting vegetables &c. Weather pleasant – a shower each afternoon generally; also a shower at night.

Sat.

~~September~~ December

1st Sat Clear day – Chapel almost ready for shingling – Vegetables nearly all planted – Two of the Congo girls very sick – Also Hannah Bencet, who has long suffered from an ulcer on her foot & who has been gradually sinking for four days past – She certainly can not souvive much longer – hardly till morning.

~~September~~ December

Sund. 2nd Last night at 10 Oclock little Hannah Crinet departed peacefully & without a Single Strugle. She was Sensible till the last & her confidence of acceptance with God through the Redeemer was unshaken. Last night I had little rest & today have been very much occupied as we made all preparations for the funeral within our own people. Our Kronnert & Bengoes dug the grave as we directed them & our carpenter made the Coffin. A considerable number of persons from Harrisburg & two from Mullsburg attended the funeral at 3 O. I am weary & not free from sadness tonight. I long to go home, although deeply interested in my work here.

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Mond. 3rd Received a visit today from Mrs. Burns, wife Bishop Burns & Mrs Outland of Mills burg. — The weather dry & warm.

Tues. 4th A fine Shower of rain this evening. Atmosphere cool. Made some preparations to go to Monrovia

Wed 5th This afternoon at 1½ Oclock left home expecting to lodge at Clay Ashland, but on reaching Millsburg I heard of the arrival of the Palmas there, & therefore concluded to come on down tonight — Reached this at about 8 O.

Received a number of papers & a letter from my dear wife. All tolerably well, but some way the reading of the letter suppose the cholide makes me very sad. Feel

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that I could not sleep if I were to retire ~~though~~ it is near 2 Oclock - ~~[illegible]~~

Have examined many of the papers. Our Ministers are wasting their time & distracting the church by useless discussions about Commonplaces of doctrine & forms.

Thurs. 6th At Monrovia. Not well. Settling & paying Kroomen & hiring others - also making various purchases. &c. Sent Boat to the Mission with some Goods, while I wait to see what vessel is signalized hoping to get letters

Frid. 7th A German vessel came in. Also one from ~~New York~~ Boston no letters for me. Preached at night in Pres. Ch. Retired sad

Sat 8 Boat came down - All pretty well at Mission - Procured today a Deed for five acres more of land. Lot No. 4

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Sund. 9th Forenoon preached at Baptist Church—Night M.E. Chr. Not well. Retire with fever & headache

Mond. 10 Too unwell to return home.

Tues. 11 Came home & found all pretty well—thanks to the Lord!

Wed 12th Went out to an Island in the river in front of our grounds to see if it would answer as a pasture for our cattle. The Island is beautiful but not so well adapted to pasture as our own land.

Thurs. 13 Took another boy today a Golah—son of a Headman some four miles above us on the river. Mark ed out some lines for fence of live sticks. Not well. The weather very hot. Ther. at 86°

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Frid. 14 Hearing that the M. C. Stephens had arrived at the Cape – & ~~ex~~ expecting that supplies & letters for us had come I came down this evening – & learned that a part of the Goods ordered were on board. Received letters at Mulbury on ... my & read two long & cheering letters from my wife on the boat. Thanks to the author of all good my family are well. A letter from Dr. Sprecher in which he speaks cheeringly of the prospects of the Mission but in a discouraged tone in regard to ~~the~~ Wittenberg College.

Sat. 15th Not much of our goods landed, but finding the boat home with a load to return on Monday, I remain to attend

to other business, but being unwell most of the days I have done very little.

Sund 16th Sick most of the day & did not preach at all, but heard my constant friend Bishop Burns preach a very good sermon.

Mond. 17th An English came here on Saturday night & it is supposed she has been sent to take away two small English ~~traders~~ that have recently been brought here by the Liberian ~~authority~~ war vessel - the Quail, under charge of having traded on Liberian territory without paying duty. The territory is that of the Gallinas - which I have always thought to belong to the natives living there.

The Captain of the Steamer

had an interview today with the Sec. of State but I do not know what was said; But from what the owner of the two little traders & the Capt. of the Man of War told me today I understood that they intend to leave tonight & to take the two vessels along. Moreover this evening they, by means of the Steamers war boats, towed the vessels from their anchorage to the Steamer - Sent the Liberian officers on board to the Quail that lay in the harbor & appeared at deck to be making preparations to tow the vessels away.

I am sorry to say that only a few of the Liberians appeared much concerned about this affair. Only a few feel any true patriotism

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Tues. 18th After attending to various items of business I Started for home at 12 Oclock & arrived here at 8 in the evening, having had a heavy load in the boat.

Wed. 19 Not well at all— Settled with Shingle makes & paid them off. &c. &c.

Thurs. 20th This morning we have cold wind Ther. down to 69° at 8 Oclock—

Evening— Cool all day— We had a visit today from Revs. Hoffman of the Episcopal Mission at Cape Palmas & Gibson of the Same mission at Monrovia. They first is a white & the other a black man, but both are sensible & pious men: & it a pity to Spoil such men with the absurd doctrines of the

Apostolic Succession & ~~the~~ Churchianity. They took dinner with us & then I took them to Harrisbury.
Frid. 21st Sick – in bed all day.
Sat 22 – Sund. 23 & Mond 24th Sick – Most of the time confined to the room. Did some writing &c. on Mond.
Tues. 25th Having heard that Mr. Seys the U.S. Agent for recaptured Africans desires to settle up this week with those who have Congoes, I designed starting this morning to Monrovia, but one of the Congo girls that has been sick ever since we took her died last night & we buried her remains this forenoon. This is our third funeral. Afternoon left the Mission accompanied by Miss Kilpatrick & taking the

bout at one over Whoop we rode down over the falls & arrived here (Monrovia) at Sunset.

Dec. Wed 26th Settled with Mr. Seys & took due bills to exchange to the Merchants for such articles as we may want. Called on Pres. Benson & obtained from him the promise that we should keep the Congoes that we have & should also continue to receive the means for their support provided by the U. S. Government, after the Liberian Government shall receive the funds for disbursement, there being new arrangements ~~now~~ making in regard to the disbursing agent. Attended also to other business & at 1 Oclock Started home. Miss Kilpatrick - very sick Start

of the way – Reached home just before dark. Our Bell for our chapel having come on the Steamer & our chapel being now so far completed as to admit of using it we brought up with us the bell. It is 100 pounds weight & I think a good bell – the gift of the S. S. of the first Eng. Luth. Ch. of Harrisburg Pa. Pastor Rev. Chas. A. Hay.
Thurs. 27th Put up the bell in our Chapel & find it to be a good article it sounds well. Leveled the fall of the river for about 40 rods along the upper part of our front line & find the fall to be 5½ ft. in the above distance. I prepare this evening to go to Careysburg tomorrow morning, to preach a few days.

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Trip to Carysburg

Frid. 28th Starting from Muhlenberg at about 8 Oclock in the morning I crossed over the river to Mr. Harrisons & after a call of about 1 hour set out for Carysburg with one Brunot. Few minutes walk South brought us to Ubo a little vilage of three or four houses — 10 min. more S. E. to Gomala's town a little larger than Ubo — 20 min. South by W. to Stockcreek — falls — running North — here also we found Zinas town — a small but thrifty native vilage of about 30 houses. 25 min S. to Carysburg Road. 2 min. S.E. to a small branch running W. — 5 min. to a small creek running West. — 50 min S.E. to a strong Creek rocky bottom running W. — 4 min. S.E. to house of Reuben Lewis immigrant from near Nat. Bridge ~~Va~~ Va. — 30 min to Settlement

of 7 houses — Settlers being from Richmond Va. appear to be doing well — one very neat little frame house — 25 Min. S by E. to small branch (road thrown up) — running North. 2 Min. to a Native town, Zodaquess, a neat clean thrifty village of perhaps 50 houses. — 4 Min. to a Strong creek running S. W. 15 Min. S. E. to a large creek running W. — 6 Min. to a small creek running N. at which is the House of Mr. Stone — near which are the houses of a Mr. George Wadsworth & W. Stone all from Newbury Dist. S.C. — doing well. 10 Min. to a small creek & bridge — 10 Min. to a small creek running W. (bridge) Brick yard &c. near — about 10 min more to town of Carysburg. — Making in all about 2 & 50 Min. walk. & our course nearly S. E. — The distance from St Pauls river at Harrisburg about 12 miles.

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Frid 28 } The highest point of Carysburg hill is such as to afford a view of the country for many miles in every direction. Several high points to the N, N.E. & S. can be very clearly seen although they are from 10 to 15 ms. distant. — Only a few buildings besides the Receptacles, are on the top of the hill as it is but narrow. But a large number of of houses are on the hillside & in the valley below. In this place I can see no advantages for a settlement beyond what could have been found on either side of the St. Pauls river within 5 miles of Millsburg. The land on which most of the town is located is lower than much of the surrounding country & the distance from the sea here is not as great as it is at our place. The water is no better

here than in this part of the country generally. While I think the soil is hardly as good — timber just now is more plentiful than about Muhlenburg — but not more so than along the river a few miles above us. While therefore this is a fine country & the situation of the place is beautiful I cannot help feeling that a vast amount of useless expense has been incurred in transporting these people & their effects thus far back from the river, & in attempts — thus far ineffectual — to make a road here, when just as healthful & as advantageous situations in other respects could have been found at less than half the distance from the head of navigation on the river. But so it is. May Careysburg prosper!

Frid. Dec. 28. Preached at night in the M. E. Church here. Lodged with Mr. Dennis Col. Agent here.

Sat. 29th Attended a funeral of a woman, who with her husband & a large family of children immigrated here from Chester Co. Pa. It is indeed a mournful sight to behold the funeral of one so lately settled in this heathen land, & the survivors mourning amid strangers.

Walked about the place visited the springs of water at the town & found them inferior to one that we have lately discovered at the foot of the hill on which our house stands. Iron ore appears to be plentiful at the town. Preached at night.

Sund. 30th Preached in the forenoon & partook of the Sacrament. Heard bro. A. Miller preach in the

afternoon & Preached again at night. Intending early in the morning to start for bro. Miller's Station & thence home.

Mond. 31st This morning we rose at 2 Oclock & after taking a cup of Coffee & some bread & butter we set out on the Carysburg road as it is called & as there was bright moonlight we walked without difficulty until we reach the point at which we had to turn off from the main road into a narrow path much obstructed by tall grass. This was very wet & made our traveling disagreeable— about 8 Oclock we reached mr. Millers place, & remained a short time at the house that he has nearly completed, We then walked about 1 mile S. E. to Johnstown a native village of perhaps 50 houses on

der the care of a man reared by
one of the Colonists. Here procur-
ing some rice & two chickens-
a present from headman John-
we had our men prepare break-
fast. About 10½ we again conti-
nued our journey & reached Mr.
Harris at 2¼ Oclock- thence
I crossed the River home- some
what weary- & better satisfied
with the place which we have
selected than before I left home.
For although I saw many beau-
tiful & advantageous situations
I saw none that I considered equal
to ours for our purposes.
Mr. Millers Station is I think
well located. I find the people
at home pretty well.

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Jan. 1st Tues. With gratitude my
Heavenly Father I now enter
upon a new year- How

manifold, how numerous, how great have been his blessing through all the past – I earnestly desire to live more devoutly during the just begun than I have ever done before. May Divine aid be afforded me ~~in~~ so. to do.

Wed. 2nd Have not done much today – attending to Krumen making fence – looking out timber for hewing – evening making out a bill of lumber – Afternoon wrote a letter to Rev. C. A. Hay – acknowledged receipt of the bell presented by the S. S. Soc. of his church to our Mission.

Thurs. 3rd Forenoon busy at home laying off foundation of house (dwelling house as we intend devoting the one that we now occupy to the use of the children & assistants) & also

attending to numerous other duties. Afternoon Started down the river — to see several persons on the way & go on to Monrovia tomorrow morn=ing. Lodge at Mr. Black=ledges — one of the most thrifty farmers on the river. He thinks that he will gather this year about 2000 lbs of Coffee. He also has a fine crop of Cane & a small mill of his own.

Frid. 4th This morning rose before 5 O'clock & set out for Monrovia. Consulted a phisician in regard to the case of the daughter of Mrs. C. our assistant. Procured marrige licence for Mr. Seigard & Miss. Fitz=patrick. Had an interview about the opening of a road from our place to Millsburg. He in my requested Jas. Moore Judge of Supreme Court to [illegible]=

expound the law to us on the subject to the township Commissioners. Perhaps after all their opposition at Millsb. we may have the road - Lodge at Mr. Palmers tonight it being late & very dark - this place is one mile or more below Millsburgh.

Jan. Sat. 5th Rose early this morning & started - with our loaded boat for Millsburg - here & on the opposite side stopped to see some persons whom I wish to employ. Reached home at 2½ O'clock - bringing up the boat over the falls to our wharf. Found Mr H. & Miss K. & also the children well. God be praised for his mercy.

Sund. 6th. Forenoon had exercises in our little chapel - the interpreter being present. The children improve in many ways.

Afternoon. Short exercises with the children, & also a short bible lesson with our assistants. At the close of these exercises I performed the marriage ceremony of bro. W. & sist. K. Only our own people were present — except a few persons who had come to the afternoon meeting & as the meeting was not dismissed till after the marriage they witnessed the ceremony. All deported themselves very well. I have a strong confidence that this will prove a happy union & will contribute to the welfare of our Mission. May God bless the married pair.
Evening wrote a letter to my dear wife.
Mond. 7th A busy day — but have accomplished but little — Another carpenter, having come, had to prepare tools &c. Commenced to lay foundation of our

home as I have not been able to procure a matron. Slept but little last night owing to the disagreeable duty of flogging near a dozen of our boys & 4 of the girls this morning have felt sad all day. They were guilty of theft & lying & so persisted in the latter that I thought it best to punish severely. I spent some time talking with them afterwards & hope that they are in a slight degree penitent. These things constitute our hardest trials.
Tues. 8th Last night Susan Mary Janet who has lately been suffering greatly from dropsy became much worse, & going in to see her I found her in a sort of stupor & not inclined to entertain thoughts of religion, while her

mother who had been urging the duty of repentance & faith for weeks past was in deep distress on account of the state of her daughter. I talked a short time with repeating some portions of Scripture & especially dwelling on the parable of the Prodigal Son & leaving her for a while I returned & again spoke to her of the same subject. She inquired whether the way of Salvation were so simple & plain as set forth in that parable, & then repeated what I had told her before, that there was no reason why she should not just then accept it & be saved. At this she raised up her hands exclaiming, "I never understood it so before, but I rejoice that I see it now. I know Christ will save me. I will be saved"

I interposed "You are now saved as you believe in him" She gazed inquiringly at me for a moment, & burst into tears. But these were not the tears of grief but of joy. Then turning to her mother she said "mother I do not fear death— I am ready to go tonight" Thus she continued to rejoice for some time, but seeing her little sister sleeping near her. She said feared Ellen was not safe & she prayed for her sister & little nephew. This morning she continues calm confident & joyful although her sufferings are terrible. I sometimes wonder that God so often causes suc=cess to attend his word through me for indeed I am very unworthy & unbelieving myself. This parable has so frequently caused the droop=ing desponding to enter into salva=tion that always resort to it in such cases. God be praised!

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8 This afternoon at the request of Sister M. Arnet I, after receiving her profession of faith in Christ & her determination to continue in his service forever administered to her the Communion & promised as soon as we should organize here to enrol her name as a member of the Church.

Nearly finished laying the foundation of the dwelling house. Am however not very well. Some rain this morning - Cloudy most of the day - Thunder & lightning during the morning, last night & night before.

Wed. 9th Finished foundation of dwelling house - Commenced painting the boat which has become much scarred & scuffled on the rocks. Commenced raining about 1 Oclock at first slightly but afterwards fell rapidly & continued during the greater part of the afternoon

Thurs. 10th Commenced framing mission house – I lay it off myself, as our workman do not understand it. They make so many mistakes that much timber is wasted & the work has a bad appearance when done. Night wrote Third Quarterly Report to the chairman of the Committee. We have drawn from the Treas. since landing $390.79

Frid. 11th Painting boat & laying off work for carpenters, forenoon, & afternoon preached funeral of Mr. Morten an immigrant from the State of Ky. who has been in Liberia some four years – lived at Harrisburg, & worked for us a month or two in the early part of last rains. He was a quiet – inoffensive man – a member of the Pres. Ch. & I think a man of piety – He died in peace & in confident reliance on Christ.

11th Sun warm today - Thermometer 84° during afternoon - Rain tonight. Perhaps this is what may be called the Middle Rains.

Sat 12th A rainy day - could not work much out of doors. Wrote about 17 pages of fool=Scap of records of the Mission. That is the accounts of the beginning of the work here - its progress & ~~which~~ I hope to continue the account some farther & leave the book for others to refer to & also to continue the record as the history of the mission may make it necessary.

Sund. 13th Having promised to preach this morning at Mills-burg I walked down & attempted to fulfil the engagement, but not being well & feeling very dull my effort was feeble - walked back home immediately but felt much wearied - Afternoon had

Short exercises with the Children & Chatechetical class afterwards – the class being composed of our assistants here. The exercises were interesting to all, as I think. Evening, examining some of the girls who are sick I began to fear that they are taking small Pox. They have high fever – are distressed with nausea & humorous pustules appear on two of them. Having no knowledge of this disease I cannot determine whether it is, or is not what now affects those of us who are sick; nor do I know what remedies to make use of. We are in the hands of God – & rejoice that we are.

Mond. 14th Finished the Records up to Jan. 6th 1861. Laid out a little more work for the carpenters. Our girls are still

very sick, but I think the disease is not Small Pox.

Tues. 15th Commenced work in the morning early – laying off work for carpenters & putting sills on foundation – but not being well & the sun being very hot I became very sick – took chill – then high fever, with severe pain in the head – Weather very hot – dense fog in the morning – followed by clear sky & hot sun.

Wed. 16th Feel a little better this morning – sun very hot – Thunder shower last night – Worse evening.

Thurs. 17th Had a very – Tried to work some – could not – Fever all day & all evening – did not sleep till near morning

Frid. 18 Slept none last night till after 3 Oclock – Fever & sickness or nausea – Worked

today as it was necessary to lay of work for carpenters — hired another carpenter this morning — have three now. Am tired & feverish, but have catichetical class tonight

Sat. 19th Abt work on the frame of the house. Evening went to Harrisburg; & being much urged to return tomorrow morning & preach I agreed to do so. Feel tired & not altogether well — as I was in the hot sun much of the day.

Sund. 20th. This morning before sunrise, I was delighted to hear our Mission children sing portions of three hymns, which we have been teaching them. they knew it was Sunday morning & before the six Oclock bell rang, they were anxious to be out & to have on their

Sunday clothes, in which they take great delight. It is pleasant to notice any evidence that our teachings are producing good effects. As the husbandman is cheered to observe the tender shoot coming forth from the seed he has sown, so we are encouraged by the little signs these children give of improvement in any way. .... Went to Hattiesburg & preached a very inattentive congregation, being a communion service, or "Big meeting" as it is here called there were many persons present from the settlements down the river & as many came merely to see & be seen they arrived late & came in after service had begun & un=

til near its close, thus caus-
ing much confusion in the congregation & annoy-
ance to speaker & hearers.
I could not secure attention
so as to benefit the people. We
had Communion after preach-
ing, & then just at the close
of the exercises ~~close~~ a rain came up
that detained us till late in
the afternoon, ~~thus~~ obliging
us to wait for dinner & thus
contribute to this faulty prac-
tice of loitering about the hous-
es nearest the church & taking
dinner with the residents. Du-
ring the rain however I had
opportunity of consulting Dr. Mc.
Gill whom I met at Mr. Harri-
sons, in regard to the case of Su-
san Mary Bruet, who has been
suffering for many weeks from
dropsy. He advised one or two
things additional to what I have

been doing & I have since coming home prepared the articles recommended, but I fear all will be in vain.

Mond. 21st A warm day - clear most of the time - at work on the house frame & getting timber.

Tues. 22. Could not sleep last night - thought much of home & of the work here - anxious to go home on Stevens, or some other ship soon, but cannot see how I can get ready. Some rain during the night - Rose early this morning - laid off work for carpenters - went up river about a mile to see if there was some suitable place at which to take out water from the river for mills. Think I found one - bush too thick to examine sufficiently - came home

painted a little at the boat finishing it & putting in new rowlocks &c. Evening wrote a letter to Luther S. S. Paper & also one to Rev. Geo. Whipple of New-york. It rained a shower to-night - now cool - tis late.
Wed. 23rd Selecting timber for Sawyers - Laying of work for carpenters - Sun very hot - Evening writing till 10 Oclock.
Thurs. 24th Two carpenters sick could not do much at the house - therefore took boat & came down to Millsburg, White Plains &c calling on business at several places & ~~stopped~~ ~~now~~ lodge at Mr. Blackliges.
Fri. 25th Rose at about 3 Oclock took boat & came to Monrovia by a little after sunrise - busy all day making purchases - settling accounts &c. for as I have now concluded to go home on the Stevens,

if possible I see it necessary to begin in time to settle up. Tonight finished a letter to my dear wife, & prepared to remit it & one or two more by way of England next month.

Sat. 26th Rose early & made efforts to get off home early, but did not leave Monrovia till near 11 Oclock. The tide being unfavorable we made rather slow speed & having to stop often on the way we could not reach Millsbury till near sundown. On reching Mr. Fosters I learned that our cow having escaped from the pasture & went to Millsbury was wounded with a spear! I took two of the men & went in search of her by moon-light. found her & seeing that a part of her entrails protruded from the wound I supposed it about as well to have here butchered at

and as she is in good condition, I told two of the men that they might have her, except that they must give our men each a mess of the meat. These Hottenburg people are less courageous than the Sepoys of India not long since showed themselves to be but they are perhaps equally cruel & degraded.

On reaching home I found bro. Heigerd quite sick & Susan Mc. Ivnet sinking rapidly. She cannot I think endure long. Thus am I perplexed & often tried, but God has been abundant in mercy to us & I praise his name.

Sund. 27th Bro. Heigerd a little better — Susan M. Still weaker I have ceased giving her Medicine as I think it useless. I have now been absent from my home a little more than one year & one week, & am

indeed anxious to return to my dear family. Yet I fear that I can hardly bring things to such a State as to be able to leave on the Stearns. God in mercy direct me.

Mond. 28th Raised part of the frame of our house this after=noon, but did not get done as we began late. I worked very hard as our men do not know much about such work & we had no help but our own hired men.

This evening at 8 1/2 O clock Susan Mary Arnett departed peacefully without a struggle, & in happy assurance of future bliss as her portion forever. I am weary & sad & do not feel well ~~my melancholy fatigue are more deep.~~ I long for rest for home - the trials &

trials of my position here are numerous, & often weigh me down. But let me not complain. God give grace to be patient & faithful—I need it much.

Tues. 29th A toilsome day to me. Bro. Weigand being unwell & there being much to be done, I was necessitated to keep on my feet constantly. The frame of our house being in part erected, was in such a condition as not to admit of its being left without further securing it. The grave for Susan Marsh's remains had to be dug—the Coffin made & all must be superintended—Our carpenters made the coffin well without my assistance, but the boys could not properly sink the grave without my presence & aid. No one at home

can form any thing like a proper estimate of the the toils through which one in my situation here are called on to endure. This night I feel weary & sad. Have been long from home, & yet with all the effort that I can put forth to hasten our work, it goes on so slowly that I fear I shall not be ready to go home on the Stevens next month. If not I will patiently wait for another opportunity. I will try to wait patiently.

Wed. 30th. At home—working at house. Warm & dry day.

Thurs. 31st Having engaged some canoes to bring up to the mission, some of our building material, & being disappoin-

ted by them I left home this afternoon in our boat & came down to Monrovia to carry up a part of it & make arrangements to have the rem-ainder taken soon. Reached Monrovia at 8½ this evening tired & hungry.

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Frid. 1st Returned from Mon-rovia, calling several places on the way, & reaching home about sun-set. I found that on account of fear of being draf-ted to go on an expedition that the government has under-taken against some one of the small tribes near Cape Palmas, all our carpen-ters had left their work & gone to the country. We had four only a few days hire &

now none are at work. I learn that two have gone to Monrovia to embark on Monday next, but the other two will perhaps return on Monday to their work. I found while at the Cape that the expedition is very unpopular, many being of the opinion that the movement is unnecessary, as it is only to settle a quarrel between two native tribes or factions.

Sat. 2nd. Having some time since applied to Pres. Benson for his assistance in opening the road between this & Millsburg, & being referred by him to J. M. Moore Attorney General of Liberia, I today went to Clay Ashland & procured from him a letter of instruction to the Commissioners ~~to~~ of Millsburg advising them

at once to proceed in locating the road. I brought the letter myself to one of the commissioners & demanded a conference with them on the subject. He, Wiley Kennedy, agreed to notify the rest of the Commissioners to meet me on next Monday at 11 Oclock. It being already dark when I reached Mulberry I had a tedious & toilsome walk home through the forest. But while I feel much fatigued I am rejoiced at the prospect there now is of opening a road. May God dispose these people to discontinue their opposition to the movement & direct me aright in my efforts to promote it!

Sund. 3rd Not having our Congo interpreter here today I had brief exercises with the children in the forenoon & in the afternoon went

to Ballahs town & also to another small village taking our ~~Congo~~ Gola boy John Bachman along as interpreter & spoke to the people at each place. Returned about sun-set much fatigued.

Mond 4th This forenoon according to arrangement made on Saturday evening, I repaired to Millsburg & met the Commissioners, who now had decided on locating the road without further trouble. We proceeded to the place at which I had left off cutting some time since & they agreed to let the road go on exactly as I had been making it. Our Kroomen therefore proceeded to cut out the path, & set stakes. We cut through to the Millsburg road about three oclock &

the Commissioners agreeing to the entire rout we separated with good feelings. Thanks to the Lord this trouble I hope is over.

(Tues. 5th Night on the right bank of the St Pauls river. Encamped in the forest.

This Morning at 8 Oclock I set out on a tour interiorwards to make some further examination of that part of the country. Mr. B. Foster a yellow man — a Liberian — Jack our head Kroo-man. John Buckman one of our Golah boys, Jolla Mr. Fosters Golah boy & myself constituted the company. Leaving the mission house we passed back through the Mission lands into the path to Boqua. (I am trying to write by the light of a bamboo torch but as the bamboo is only partially burned

& will not burn I must
defer writing till morning.
Wed. Morning 6th at daylight.
We have been preserved another
night by him who never slum
bers nor sleeps, & I hasten before
leaving this spot to note down
something of yesterdays travel.
From the Mission to ~~[illegible]~~ ~~about~~ the first town through
which we passed the distance
is about three or four miles-
much of the land is hilly & rocky
but well timbered & well watered
this little village situated near
the river & on the bank of a large
creek is owned by one Zoda,
who was once a slave to Capt.
Canot, was with him when
his great factory was broken
up at Cape Mt. He had acquired
the Spanish language & speaks it
yet. Our Boy John Beckman

who is with us is his son, &
a little before reaching the town
we were met by some of his
other children, sons bro. & sists,
who most warmly greeted him
with ohh-ta-ma - I am glad to see
you often repeated. The direction
from Muhlenburg to Jones's town is
a little north of S East.

Going on from Jones's we walk-
ed about 6 miles mostly through
a country that had been cultivated
not many years ago, when we
reached Bagna, this town loca-
ted immediately on the bank
of the river is the place at which
I lodged one night about 10 mon
ths past. I found that Byzena
(who was then chief, was now dead
was buried in the midst of the
village & a neat house erected over
the spot. The post of the structure
were whitewashed & a platform of clay
as large as the house was raised

about 2 ft. high ~~the place~~ A musket was planted, muzzle downward ~~in the~~ this platform immediately over the chiefs head, I found his brother now chief of the town unwell but he received us kindly. We asked to buy a little rice to cook on the way, stating our design to go on as far as we could towards Geary a town said to be "far far up country". All dissuaded us. "Spose we pass this place we must sleep pass (~~path~~) — "Elephants live that side — the pass wa=wa" (bad." &c. &c. They all said however that there was one "half-town" far up on the path — that is a town not independent but a part of a chiefs domain who lived at a different place. But all likewise said that we could not "catch" (reach) that town till after we

would sleep. But as these people are always desirous to detain travellers & as their ideas of distance are very indefinite I determined to push on & "sleep naff" if it would prove necessary hoping however to reach the half town. Leaving Baqua a little before 1 Oclock we struck of from the river over ~~an~~ a sort of table land covered with primitive forest & entered by a beautiful creek which seemed to wind from side to side of the valley & which we were obliged to cross about 10 or 12 times. After about one hours walk the land became more & more rough now a low swail somewhat boggy then a peak covered with jagged rocks. This whole region for some 10 miles has inferior soil & although the timber has not been destroyed by clearing it is small.

(The path during the whole distance from Bagua is so obscure as to be followed only by constant attention. The surface being generally covered with shrubs, wild cane & in the marshy places by various kinds of swamp growth, the only guide to the traveller in following the path is the somewhat worn condition of the upper side of the roots that lie across the path or in the swamps the tracks of people & of cattle that have passed through from the upper country to the settlements.

About 5 o'clock in the evening we came to the river bank having not seen the stream since leaving Bagua. The soil became better & the creeks more frequent at the place where we first approached the river there is an island apparently pretty large & we heard natives talking on it. The path also became more distinct

affording us hope that we were in the vicinity of the village at which we wished to lodge & we therefore pushed on to reach it if possible before sunset, for in this deep forest & on a blind path such as we followed there could be no travel after ~~sunset~~ the light of the sun had departed. Just at sun-set we came to a place where others had encamped & we at once decided on laying ~~there~~ till morning. Those who had been here had made a platform ~~about~~ of bamboo sticks about 18 inches high & had left a little dry wood near the place where they had cooked. We had no matches- A gun was fired off, at once the wadding caught fire & soon a faint blaze began to consume the dry bamboo. Not expecting to camp out we had with no pot for cooking except one little traveller's pan which held only one

point — by filling this often how-
ever we made out to cook a
sufficient quantity of rice for
all & a little roasted cassada
& ~~c~~ a little boiled bacon that
I had brought from the Mission
completed our fare.
As I could not write for
want of light — we concluded to
retire. I read a portion of
Scripture, sung a hymn, in
which Porter joined me — & then
prayed to our Heavenly Father
for his mercy & goodness to be
continued unto us, as hitherto.
Perhaps ~~[illegible]~~ this forest never
before resounded with the voice
of prayer & praise.
After prayer we all retired
I lay on the bamboo platform
already prepared when we came
& the others prepared similar
beds for themselves. Monkeys
& night birds disturbed our rest

but I slept about as much as I am accustomed to do at the Miss. This morning we cooked a little refreshment partook of it ~~again~~ sung a morning song to God & sought his blessing in prayer & at a little after 7 Oclock set out on our journey. In less than one mile we came to one of the most beautiful creek that I ever saw the water very clear ran rapidly over a bottom of Granite rock. Soon after we ^saw "old farms" on the left. Our course was a little North of East & along the bank of the river, which for some miles appeared to be calm there being no falls. Soon however we heard the roar of rapids above & approaching the place we found that here as well as elsewhere on the river water spread widely over rocks parted into numerous streams forming many small islands, & running

furiously over this rugged surface — Ascending a ridge which formed a bluff on the river we came suddenly upon a troop of Monkeys (perhaps 20) of the large red species. They soon ~~mounted~~ to the tops of the tall trees & although our boys at once pursued with their guns they could not get a shot at any of them. Descending from this ridge we drew ~~again~~ near the river & crossing a trail we saw tracks of elephants that had perhaps come down for water. Our direction was still a little east of north the river having the same course. Another rapid place — Rock stratified dip about 45° strike N. E. as it is nearly every where along these falls. We now passed through old farms & fine country & at 9½ O clock reached the "half town" of which an old woman — is really chief —

but her brother fellow Batubo acts in her stead. I now began to feel the need of taking medicine & the boys wished to hunt some in the neighboring woods as this is about the wildest part of the country we shall see. Were there free after the usual interview with the headman I took about 10 grains of Calomel & retired in a little hut & by 10 while the boys went to the forest & Foster went to the river to fish.

The medicine operated but not freely — I was very sick all afternoon & much of the night — I need not here record the long "Palaver" in town about "breaking" the town & removing to another place — the numerous little offices of kindness shown the nightly dance — nor morning greetings when the people arose. On account of having taken Calomel I did not commence our journey till late

Thurs. 7th After washing & presenting a gift, to the headman & calling his people together to worship & a short discourse we started for Gevey although I still had fever & was much weakened by the medicine & fever of yesterday & last night. Our way led through alternate "Old Farms" & tall forests, over hill & through valleys now & then crossing ~~bog~~ a bog, & every half hour ~~about~~ about meeting with a beautiful stream of fresh water. Monkeys & birds - but nothing more in the way of game - Twice we drew near to the river & heard the roar of the falls. The last of these is near Gevey the town at which I now write - These rapids were only on a small part of the river there being many branches & islets. The rocks very rugged but mostly in great heaps

& often conglomerate - at one place for a short distance were stratified & perpendicular - Standing at one place below one part of the falls & with my feet only a few inches above the water I looked up stream & when erect my eye was exactly in a line with the surface of the water ~~above~~ above. The descent covered by this fall was perhaps 4 rods. Soon after this we came to what is called the "Big Path" - the road from Monrovia to Boporah, & in a little time more only a minutes walk we were in the town of Gency. We met the chief, enjoying his pot of rice by the side of the first house we came to. At once I told him through our boy John Buckman the object of our visit - our wish to go farther

on tomorrow & our desire to lodge here tonight. He seemed pleased — pointed out a house for us & soon after sent me some rice & fishes. On leaving him I promised to see him again this evening which I will fulfil if my fever does not run too high. Had some fever all day & for an hour it has increased rapidly. Our lodgings place is a mud hut black with the smoke of years. Round in shape with a heaped roof — a door way on one side & a hole to make it light on the other — which latter opening is about 14 inches square — A pile of dried clay on one side raised 14 inches & flat on the top is the bed. Not a chair nor yet a stool is here. I sit on one of our small traveling boxes

I write on the upturned end of my table. African fever is not pleasant at any time — is unwelcome when traveling & can do nothing to cheer so gloomy an apartment as this. This town though small & dilapidated is a place of much traffic as it is situated on the "big path" Numerous porters are here going both ways with great bundles of native produce & American Goods. Many of the people speak English pretty well — The chiefs son was a long time in the family of Gabriel Moore a trader at Monrovia.

Frid. 8th Too sick to write or travel

Sat. 9th A little better today — was very sick vomited all day — & most of last night. Could keep no medicine on my stomach yes-

terday— Have been looking round the town this morning— the country is good soil much better than at several other places on the way. Have tried to get some men to carry me to the next town on the big path below, as I have now determined not to go further inland. The time till the sailing of the Stevens is only 10 or 15 days & I must hasten home. I therefore think I shall try to walk to the next town this afternoon.

Evening 5 Oclock, Moridea, Leaving Gevey about one oclock we walked in a south westerly direction for about 3½ hours when we reached this place the headman of which is called Jolla Kpah, but he being absent one of the citizens furnished

us lodgings & provisions. The country through which we came during this last stage is for the most part more level & the soil more sandy than that of our trip upward. We however crossed one high & rugged hill which I think abounds in iron ore. Timber tolerably good- Water very good & abundant. We crossed some ten small streams, all clear cool water flowing freely over a bottom of light yellow sand except one which run by the foot of the large hill- It tumbled along over granitic rock the same as most of the streams seen going up. The people here appear very kind & are interested & delighted with the idea that we will spend the Sunday with them. The town is not so large as Gerry but is better built & the houses are also newer. The one appointed to us is not

so blacked with smoke as to be unpleasant— at least not like the one I lay two nights & one day in at Gevey. There are here two large kitchens about 20 by 30 ft well covered the earthen floor raised some two ft. above the ground. From Gevey to this place there is no clearing on the path. Thanks to My Heavenly Father I feel much better than I did this morning & I now hope that I may get rid of this fever. We had a slight shower of rain this evening just after getting into our place of lodging— It was preceded by thunder & a wind from the South West.

Sund. 10th Noon. Rested tolerably well last night, but had slight fever all night & it still continues— I have taken two doses a Quinine & I hope two more greatly lessen

or perhaps dispel it. This morning could eat but little - only a little boiled rice with no dressing but salt, & a little coffee made in a tin cup. After breakfast I called the people together in one of the large Kitchens & spoke to them at some length through our boy John who seems able to interpret to the people of this town better than Foster as they are mainly from the interior & do not speak the Golah as it is spoken by the natives about Millsburg & the Mission.

I commenced by speaking of God who made all things - lastly man + then of the fall - & of Christs death in mans stead, & also explained portions of the Gospels relative to Salvation in Christ. Showing that way was prepared for their Salvation - that they too could pray to God through Christ. In conclusion I inquired whether they had ever heard of these things before

& they replied that they never had
I then told them that they had
now heard today & that if they did
not believe in Jesus & pray to him
& repent of sin so as to be saved they
could not in the judgment plead
that they had never heard of the
right way. Many appeared serious.
but their impressions I fear are not
lasting. The sat quietly & appeared
to be delighted with our singing.
After these exercises I retired & read a
while & was edified. Have had joyous
feelings in view of the endless Sabbath
which I hope to enjoy when my
toils & trials are over. It is not=
withstanding heart rending to me
to look around on all these gross=
ly ingnorant & degraded people. Oh
when! When shall the heathen of
this vast country be enlightened
& converted to God. These sights great
ly stagger our faith.

Evening- Have suffered from nausea all afternoon- Can eat little of any-thing that I can procure here. Still have slight fever- & feel very weak. I saw here today a club=footed- or rather crooked footed man- the first case of deformity that I have seen among the Golah tribe. His feet turn inward so that the soles are uppermost & he walks on the tops of his feet. He wears small sandals make of the elep=hants hooff, & can walk rapidly. About 50 porters ~~at~~ or more have today passed downward with large burdens of Camwood Country Cloths &c. & a much larger number per=haps 100 have either passed through or have stopped here for the night on their way upwards to Boporah. Most of them are slaves & hired men of Momora chief of Boporah who is now down at a small town on the big path, in the Dey country

a few miles ~~this side~~ from of the sea board. Much of this salt is made by the Vey tribe & sold by them to Momora. He usually comes down about the month of Jun. & remains some weeks to trade. The people here say that the trade passing now is small as it is the time of farm cutting & that in the rains it is much greater.

We have been told several times that Momora is expecting a war with Fah Gungue the most wealthy of the Golah Chiefs, who lives not far from the place where Momara is now stopping. These reports however are frequent & perhaps are groundless.

We must now have evening services & retire. May God if it be his will restore my health to reach the mission & prepare for sailing on the Stevens.

Mond. 11th morning. Sunrise—Having

now paid my host for the use of our lodgings we are about to have morning prayer & depart — The 60 porters going upward are on their way. Poor fellows they have a hard life — their fare being Cassada almost exclusively — this a root or vegetable about as nutritious as Irish Potatoes they roast or boil & with a little Salt make out their daily fare. We are now on the dividing ridge between the St Pauls & the streams farther northward — the last creek that we crossed on 1st. I find flows round the hill on which Moidea is built & runs off to the northward. We will cross it again on leaving this place.

At half past 7 Oclock we set out from Moidea & travelled in nearly a South West course for 2½ hours about 10 miles — through a comparatively level country with [illegible] Soil &

Sparse timber of a good quality but abundance of Scrubby brush. Streams not so numerous as in place opposite in our upward trip — nor was it so clear & cool — We often passed Old Farms. On our way we met (Mambon the younger brother ~~of~~ of Momora, chief of Boporah — & purchased from him his Spear telling him that I wished to take it to Big America to Show to my people. also bought some other articles from his people. Mambon is a tall youthful man of good proportions — sharp features & rather yellow or of Copper color — his air is dignified but frank & he speaks English pretty well — On our way we passed a small cluster of huts but did not stop till we reached Bough a small but pretty well

built native village. There I partook of some food I had carried along & the people provided my men with a little rice.

Passing on from Borugh we again travelled $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours to Borogia. This town derives its name from an immense vine growing in the bottom just below the town. It is about 10 inches in diameter at the thickest place & carries its size for about 75 ft. part of the way on the ground & part elevated some ten or twelve feet then branching its various parts spread over an immense space of ground. I noticed one branch about 4 inches in diameter festooned on the tops of the lower growth of trees at least 100 ft without variation in size & without throwing off a ~~high~~ single shoot. Borogia is ~~not~~ a large town but appears to be old

& is Barricaded. Though the barricade is now somewhat old & decayed. The gates are made of immense slabs or puncheons hewn from large logs. The doors of the houses are generally of the same kind. Here I saw the first ~~[illegible]~~ the pottery that I have seen in Africa though I have often seen the ware. A youthful woman seated on the ground under a shed had a board before her upon which was her clay & a half finished specimen of her art in her hands turning the vessel round with the one hand & with the other freely & held it steadily over the clay thus fixing it as she worked, She had no vessel burnt ready for sale but a considerable number ready for the kiln. From Bough Bogia our path ran

along a pretty high ridge abounding with iron ore, some specimens of which I carry along. From Bogia to Summa is about two & a half hours' walk – the path leading apparently along the top of a comparatively narrow ridge most of the way – occasionally however descending into a ravine in which we would meet a stream of good water. One hill appeared to contain a large quantity of a sort of Green Stone. Summa is an old town of considerable note but is rather small & in a state of decay – the barricade is allmost entirely worotted down. Gaytuma the chief not being at home, we could get no satisfaction from the people about the road. They only zealously declared that Momora was King for the whole country & King of that place. They

were all from Momoras coun-
try & perhaps sent here by him
to keep open the path for
his trade. My men could not
talk much with them.
They declared we could not
reach any other town on
either of the two roads lead-
ing S. Westward today. But
regardless of these declarations we
started on the Big Path. A
heavy rain came up in
which we travelled about
½ hour & reached this little
town or half town which
has no name, being one
of Gaytumnas villages & occupi-
ed mainly by his slaves
& other people making farms
in the vicinity. Here we lodge
to-night. Having made a
good fire in a tolerably com-
fortable hut we dry our clothes,

Tues. 19th This morning on leaving the little half town, we had a wet path to travel for some distance on account of last nights rain.

The first 15 minutes walk brought us into another half town, situated in a Palm Oil region & bearing the name of Gondea. Soft rich surface flat being the on the bank of a large creek flowing leisurely to the North West. 2½ hours more hard walk & we reached Boom-Boom two scattered & declining villages situated on the opposite sides of a beautiful & rapid creek, & each on a high point of land. From one of these we could see distinctly some other high peaks to the Southward of which it is said can be seen from the highest point of Cape Montserado. About Boom-Boom the land is very good but much of the way between it

& the large creek passed in the morning we travelled over rugged peaks & ridges & boggy hollows. Turning to the left at Boombom we took the path for Millsburg, traversing the high hills seen a while before. After ~~the~~ one half hours rapid walking through this hilly & rugged country inter=spersed with bamboo & Palm swamps we came suddenly to the town of Kayo, inhabited by people of the Dey tribe. The head man on our approach had run into the bush or else where concealed himself. Kayo is small, but new & thrifty. The people very cowardly & disincli=ned to talk - none of my men but Jack the Krooman could converse with them. This entire region was formerly the Dey

possession but the tribe has de-
clined & only fragments of them
can here & there be found.
Our course from Boombom to
Kaaso was nearly S. E.
Proceeding one hour more in
about the same direction, through
a hilly district, the highest part
of which no doubt forms the
dividing ridge between the St.
Pauls & the more northern Strea=
ms whose tributaries we crossed
this morning. we reached Selany On the tops of
these hills we saw numerous
mounds the remains of native
houses, there have been large
villages here in former times.
Some of the old sites were ~~co~~=
covered with trees of 50 years
growth. The towns were evidently
large, as well as the houses. From
one of these hills we had a grand
view of the South East country par-
ticularly in this direction we perceive=

merous high hills in the dis=
tant the natives told us were
on the south side of the St
Pauls. Deling a ~~Day~~ Dey town
old & decaying is worthy of
Special notice inasmuch as its
inhabitants would furnish us
nothing to eat. Their ~~decline~~
decline is not untimely. The world
can spare that tribe.

Socos town a Mandingo man
with Bopoyah people is almost
in sight of Deling & here we
made no delay. On passing
however we observed two unus=
ually large country houses one
at least 40 ft. long. From this
town we passed on S. a little E.
through the most beautiful &
rich valley that I have seen
in Africa. Occasionally small
round hillocks rise in the
valley giving the country

much the appearance of portions of Southern Ohio. Especially about Circleville. In half an hour we came to the town of Another Bepparah chiefs town built on a beautiful elevation in the midst of the valley. This chief Jella Hilla is a jolly old man with heavy beard mingled with grey & not closely shaven. He received us cordially & furnished a dish of rice—Many traders & worters here. One clump of Plantain trees near his town contains 55 trees all of which will bear within a few months & all were very thrifty. all moreover sprang from a single Stalk. From this place I hastened the town of Balla Jura one of our own neighbors & giving him a brief call I came on home by 5 Oclock & was glad

to find all well. And now O God my merciful Preserver receive my grateful acknowledgements of thy tender care for me & my deliverance from sickness & all dangers!

The distance from Muhlenberg to Guiey the highest point that I reached is I think about 45 miles although it has been thought to be more & the direction of Guiey from this place is nearly North East perhaps a little East of that point. The St Pauls river I think has falls about every mile or two miles at most from here that place & a great part of the distance it is besetted with islands of various sizes some of them perhaps one mile or more in length. The river

perhaps on an average falls 5 ft to the mile. Its course from here to Bagua, about 10 miles is nearly East— from Bagua to Gevey North of East perhaps northeast making a bend to the East. Above Gevey from all I could learn its course tends more to the East.
The ridge along which the Big Path runs most of the way runs very nearly par=allel with the general course of the river through the distance now under consideration viz. from Gevey to this place.
Iron Ore is I think abundant in many of the hills along the big path & in some others near Gevey & close to the river.
This short trip has tended to render my satisfaction with our own place more complete as I have seen none all things considered superior

Feb. 1861

Wed. 13th At home— Morning wrote some & arranged accounts. Have a visit from Rev. Rambo & wife Episcopal Missionaries of Cape Palmas. They are on their way to the U. S. by the Stevens. Very pleasant people. I learn from them however that all the State Rooms are taken on the Stevens & therefore if I go I shall have to take steerage passage. I must go down & see about it.

Thurs. 14th Went to Monrovia in the afternoon.

Frid 15th Forenoon at Monrovia —Attending to various business— Engaged a passage home on the M. C. Stevens. Came up as far as Mr. Blackledges

Sat. 16 Rose early— in boat before 6 oclock— on my way home— Called several places & settled accounts— On reaching home both. bro. Pratt & H. unwell— Wrote till late making

out an invoice of Mission Goods &c. Retired weary & sad, because Mrs. H. seems to be disposed to find fault & complain when I do all in conscience I can for her convenience & support.

We had a heavy rain attended with strong wind from the N.E. this evening.

Sund. 17th An eventful day at Muhlenberg. In the morning at 10 I met the School Children & had brief exercises of singing repeating portions of Scripture &c. At 11 met some candidates for Church membership & lectured on the qualifications therefor & the duty of those connecting themselves with the church to grow in Grace & every Christian virtue. And then organized a small congregation consisting of the following persons. Margaret Weigerd received by letter from the M. E. Church—

Francis & Eliza Jacobs received on profession of faith — Lucinda Arnet, received by letter from the Pres. Church & Phebe Eleanor Arnet received by Confirmation. Francis Jacobs was elected to the office of Elder, at the same meeting. Afternoon at 2 Oclock held services again — inducted bro. Jacobs into office — Preached a short discourse on preparation for worthily partaking of the Communion — Administered the communion to the above named members of the new organization & to bros. B. Weigand & Melville of the Pres. Mission at Harrisburg. & at the close of these exercises conferred license to preach & administer the Sacraments, on bro. B. Weigand, who had before leaving Ohio been examined before the East O. Synod had been

admitted to licensure; but the committee appointed to confer the license failed to meet before we embarked. I also appointed him pastor of the little church organized here today. Praise the Lord for his favors & goodness to me & to this infant Mission. May his care ever be over the little church — may it soon increase in number & may its members all grow in grace & at last enter into glory. Amen!

Mond. 18th. Wrote instructions to leave with bro. Neigerd & made some preparation for leaving. Weather very warm.

Tues. Rose Early. Busy with numerous small matters most of the forenoon. Leveled the upper falls of the river at our place — found the fall to be about 6 ft — thus

with the 5½ ft of the lower falls & the descent of the stream between the two would make upward of 12 ft that the river falls in less than ½ mile. There is therefore a good mill site. Afternoon bade our mission children good bye & started for Monrovia - having to stop at several places on the way. Did not reach Monrovia till near midnight - felt unwell - Every body having retired I lay down on the counter of Mr. Millers store who, was with me & did likewise.

Wed. 20th Sick this morning - a chill - high fever no appetite - In bed at Mr. James part of the afternoon. Took medicine this evening.

Thurs. 21st Still sick in the morn=

ing- had a restless night- last night & rose much prostrated from medicine & fever & yet the fever continued.

Frid. 22nd. Bro. Weigand came down late last night- & this morning I started out with him to close up some business preparatory to my leaving & his returning to the Mission, but I soon became too sick to continue on my feet- came to Bishop Burns & lay down- a chill- high fever- distress in the head till near evening- This evening able to walk about the house. Rain during the afternoon as well as before day this morning.

Sat. 23rd- Felt better this morning but am very weak. After attending to various items of business I bade Bro. & Sist. Weigand

farewell & they set out
for Muhlenburg while I
here await the sailing
of the Stevens. This is the
day on which we were to
sail but I learned this morn-
ing that it is postponed
till Wed. next. I am
not sorry, as I have a few
little matters yet to attend
to & besides am too unwell
to embark with comfort.
Sund. 24th Much prostrated
this morning - could hardly
walk to breakfast. Slight
fever. Have used much Qui-
nine during the last few
days. Afternoon agreeably
to engagement I tried to
preached in the Pres. Ch. but
was too feeble & body & mind -
spoke with but little effect.
Mond. 25th I learn this morning

from Dr. Hall that the Stevens will probably remain here till the last of this week waiting for the American & English mails from Palmas. It is to be brought up by the little Steamer Seth Grosvenor.

Today dined on board the Stevens & boarded the Ocean Eagle now lying in the harbor but to sail tonight for New-York. Rev. Best with whom I became acquainted at Sierra Leone 8 years ago & Rev. St John of the home Mission-Gaboon are passengers, also their wives. Mr. St Johns goes home much disheartened in regard to the work in the Gaboon.

Tues. 26th Last night the Ocean Eagle sailed for New-York - I sent no letters as I hope the Stevens will reach the American coast first.

Have felt some better today but am still unwell. Slight fever & weakness, attended with head-ach & nausea are the principal simptoms - No word from the Mail Boat yet.

Wed. 27th Had a letter from bro. Preigsel this forenoon - All well at the Mission. Have a little fever today - also some slight chills. Why this attack so clings to me I cannot tell. I take Quinine regularly.

Thurs. Wrote to bro. Preigsel this morning - Put my baggage on board this afternoon - The Mail came in today - but brought me no papers nor letters - but from the papers received by others I see that S. C. has seceded from the Union & has erected her own standard - has taken possession of some of the fortresses & the arse

nal at Charleston — has captured
a revenue Cutter & sent a dela-
gation to Washington to treat
with the U. S. Government.
There is great excitement in
the Southern States conventions
are held in many of them to
consider the question of Secession
& Northern men are treated
with much contempt & scorn
in all the South. Warlike pre-
parations are going on North &
South. Perhaps by the time
we reach the American Coast
hostilities will have commen-
ced — perhaps peace may be re-
stored — but it appears to me
probable that the difficulty
will not be ~~so~~ soon settled.
We may be detained by Virgi-
nia when passing up the Chesa
peake Bay. The news from the
Liberian troops to the Leeward are that
there have been two battles — the

natives defeated in both with a loss of over two hundred—3 Liberians killed & a number wounded. The natives sue for peace.

March 1st 1861

Frid. 1st On board M. C. Stevens—harbor of Monrovia. This evening I came on board, expecting to sail tonight with the land breeze. The number of our passengers I do not know but the State rooms are all occupied & three of us are obliged to sleep in the Steerage. I rejoice to set out for home & now pray God if it be his will to preserve me to meet again my beloved wife & little ones. I also pray that I be enabled du=

ring the voyage to conduct my=self in a Christian manner. There are on board some persons who do not profess Christianity but are disposed rigidly to criticise the conduct of those who profess piety. May my gracious Master enable me to be useful to some one during this voyage.

Friday March 8th

We took up anchor at Monrovia last Saturday morning at 4 O'clock & made tolerable progress during that day, but since have had calms & very light winds, with now & then a slight & transient tornado. I have been unwell much of the time, owing to a severe cold taken the day of embarkation. Have therefore read

but little, & have written none. As I will need the instructions that I gave Bro. Weigard on leaving the Mission, for future reference, I will here ~~record~~ transcribe them, from a blotted copy that I brought along.

Being now about to return home & leave you in charge of Muhlenberg Mission, I deem it proper to furnish you the following statements & instructions in writing, for your future reference — a copy of which I will also hand to the Chairman of the Committee in order that the arrangements now made may be fairly understood by all.

Salary

I will recommend to the Com=

mittee, that you receive a Salary of $400 annually, & have the right to use all the vegetables you may need out of the products of the mission Farm, the privilege of raising on the Premises your own poultry & of keeping two cows—All other Stock to belong to the mission.

In addition I allow $100. for the hire of Assistants in the School & on the Farm.

The School

The present regulations relative to morning & evening ~~exer-cises~~ devotions—Sessions of School & hours of labor, I wish to be continued, unless there be good reasons for a change.

Religious instruction & religi=

ous exercises, especially singing should be mingled with the other daily teachings of the School. Let it be your constant object to have the Scholars commit to memory portions of Scripture, hymns &c.

The number of children in the School & Mission should not at any time exceed 40 — the number with which we began — but on the other hand it is ~~not~~ desirable that it do not fall below 30.

Mission Lands

Be careful to prevent any trespass on the Mission lands, & those of the Reservation, especially the destruction or removal of timber. Also try to keep the lines & corners

already made distinctly marked. The timber along Susan Creek, near the watering place, & also that on the north-east corner of the mission land & along the river should be preserved for future use.

None of the lots of the Reservation are to be given to settlers, until you hear again from me or the Committee on this subject except the lot (No. 3 of the Western Reservation) promised to W. Williams, & he is to be recommended to the Government, so as to procure a deed, only when he shall have settled on the lot.

The Farm.

The live fence commenced from the mission yard to the river

should be completed as soon as possible, & the two portions of land thus formed between the mission yard & the river should also be inclosed with a hedge; as also should the mission yard. The lime hedge, perhaps, will be most easily raised, & most serviceable; & it may be, that the best method of forming it, is to plant the seed at once along the line of the intended hedge.

Next to the growing of vegetables necessary for the use of the mission, & the planting of various fruit trees, the raising of a Coffee Orchard is to be the great object of the manual Labor Department of the mission. Ground should be made ready for the planting of about 400 trees at the beginning of

the next Rains (the trees to be purchased) & a nursery should be commenced at the same time by planting 2000 or more of the Coffee berries. The spaces between the trees, while small, should I think, be cultivated in Potatoes, Ground Peas, Ginger &c.

The lower lot of land between the mission yard & the river is to be devoted to tillage & the upper lot to pasturage.

In addition to the $100 salary of assistants, already mentioned, I authorize you to expend fifty dollars in the hire of laborers to plant hedges & Coffee trees &c. during the six months commencing March the first of the present year.

<u>Buildings</u>

The Chapel is to be finished, by,

putting on the window Shutters, a few plain seats & a platform, with a fronting, in the North east end. The Shutters & doors are to be painted & the outside white-washed.

The house erected during the last Rains, is to have no additional work done to it, except some slight changes in the partitions to render it more suitable for the accommodation of assistants & such of the Mission Children as may be taken into it.

Some apartment of it is to be the dining room for the Children.

The Mission House now in course of erection, is to be completed by lining the two lower rooms of the main building the South upper room of

the same, & the rear bed chamber below with boards — by putting up inclosed stairs, thus making partitions to the rooms — by putting up a piazza in front on the foundation already laid — by putting on batten window shutters, & by painting the outside with three coats & the inside with two. The rear outside is to be whitewashed.

Mission Stores

The Mission Goods now on hand, for sale, should be applied as much as possible in purchasing lumber for the buildings & in the payment of work done on the buildings & farm. And it is desirable that any which cannot thus be disposed of, be sold & the means applied

to the expenses of the Mission.
If you draw goods from the Liberian Government in support of the Congo Children, they can be used in clothing the children, or sold & the means applied to meet general expenses.

Mission Funds

Whatever funds may be on hand on my embarking I will deposite with J. B. Warner & Son at Monrovia, & remit you their Sec'd bill for the amount.

If you draw cash or bills of Exchange from the Liberia Government, on account of Congoes, you can deposite the cash with Warner & Son, or sell them the Bills, & taking

their Ice Bills for the amount, can draw from them as you need.

The Church

As there is now a Church organization at the Mission & as you are licensed to preach the Gospel & administer the Sac=rament, I appoint you pas=tor of the church, for the pres=ent, hoping however, that before long, some other persons may join the Mission, & the labors be divided.

It is advisable that the members of the Church come to=gether for religious instruction & worship, twice in the week once on the Lords day, when there should be preaching or a bible lesson — & again on Wed=nesday evening, for prayer & the

reading of the Scriptures. The other part of the Lord's Day should be taken up with religious instruction & devotional exercises, with the Mission Children.

The Holy Communion should be administered four times in the year, at least, & at stated periods.

Reports

It is advisable that you communicate as often as possible with the corresponding Secretary or Chairman of the Committee, & a formal report should be rendered at least every six months — showing the general state of the work — the expenses of building, improvement of lands — & clothing & food

for the Mission Children.

And now my dear brother I earnestly pray that the Divine presence may be with you in all your labors & trials, & that your work may have abundant success.

Yours
Muhlenburg Miss. fraternally
Feb. 18th 1861 M. Officer.

Chesapeake Bay
April 4th 1861
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We are now within sight of Baltimore & in an hour perhaps will make wharf. Thank God that I again am in my native land, & that although I have suffered considerably from a severe cold contracted

about the time of embarking & from an attack of fever in the latter part of the voyage yet I am now pretty well.

We had no storm — a tolerably short voyage — 32 days — pleasant company — Good accommodations & an accommodating Capt. & Officers & Crew.

I regret that I have not been more useful to others than I have — but rejoice that I have been able to read very considerable as we have a good library on board.

Springfield O. Jan. 1st 1862.

On the 1st of June last I began preaching to the English Lutheran Church here as a supply for four months & at the expiration of that time received & accepted a call as pastor of the same.

In taking charge I did not contemplate a long stay among these people as I did not consider my ability as a preacher sufficient for the position, but as the church was suffering somewhat from the effects of the war & also from the dissentions that had sprung up in it a year before & therefore could not perhaps at that time command the services of such a man as the place demands, I accepted

the call with the hope of removing some of the obstacles to the prosperity of the Church & thus in the course of a year to prepare the way for the election & support of a suitable minister. I therefore agreed to take a small salary — but did not let this be known before the election — & have been as active in reconciling those that were somewhat disaffected as the state of my health would admit of. But I have heartily cooperated with the Council in removing such members as would not become reconciled nor would live in peace with those who were most exemplary & faithful in every duty.

My efforts have been attended with some success — audiences are

larger & more attentive — Pews nearly all rented — some small debts have been paid — & the members now in the Church are at peace with eachother & with me. On the 27th of Dec ~~last~~ they made ~~us~~ a Donation visit which notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather was ~~composed~~ largely represented & the articles brough amounted to about $70.00 & are of the most useful kinds. This may be regarded as an experession of Christian sympathy & as such affords me much encouragement.

And now, thus placed, as I believe, by the providence of God, in a most important field, presented already with some tokens of divine favor on my work & also some evidences of

favor from the people I desire anew to consecrate myself to the work before me & during the new year upon which I have just entered to labor more earnestly & live more devoutly than I have ever done before.

Feb. 2nd 1862.

Having at several of our Council meetings during the last few weeks, seen a disposition to pass over the unruly & even wicked conduct of Mrs. L who I am convinced, is not only in league with the open enemies of this congregation, but is in many other respects unworthy of a place in the Church unless she reforms, & having some additional evidence that the express condition on which

I agreed to remain here—namely that the authority of the Church should be strictly maintained—would not be carried out I this day tendered to the Council a written resignation of ~~this Church~~ of the pastorship of this church, to take effect immediately or at most not later than the first of May.

Feb. 16th 1862

Today I received by baptism & confirmation into the Church Sixteen persons ~~the~~ most of whom were the fruits of a protracted meeting held here during the last three weeks.— Had a very large number present at Communion—

~~March 18~~

March 9th 1862.

Having now clear evidence that there cannot be a united vote in the Council on the Suspension of Mrs. S. & being fully convinced that inaction & delay in her case would only lead to greater troubles in the church & would be a clear violation Scriptural directions in regard to Slanderers, Faultfinders, & disorder & disobedience in general, I this day announced to the Church, after sermon that in two weeks from today I would preach my last sermon as pastor of the Church. And at the same time informed the Church in regard to the reasons of my leaving. Viz That the

explicit conditions on which I accepted the Church had been & would as I believed continue to be violated.

This wavering-unfaithfulness-on the part of the council & the consequent necessity for my leaving,-as I am persuaded no considerable good can be accomplished while the authority of the Church is utterly disregarded-has caused me much sorrow, but I have some comfort in the fact that God has made me instrumental here in the conversion of some souls from sin to righteousness.

+ Anaversary of Siberian
3 Independence July 26
The work is more than was expected
4 by Siberians Oct-5.
7 Sickness Oct 31
8 His health Nov 13
6 The cold Sep 16
4 Hizard sick Aug 9 Sept 24
(Weddings Jan 4 July 12)
9 Hizardsworth
5. The convoys Aug 24 see Payns letter
2 First-instructions July 16
+ Trying Situation July 8
0. Abundant Labors June 20
8 Carysbury Dec 27 see Scoops Book
7 Boys cut-rice - Oct 6 see letter
Division of time - Payns letter
7. Dinner Nov 1.
6 Jacobs Oct + Burns Oct-

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May 1st Lancaster Pa.

General Synod met this morning. Attendance pretty large. I have come to attend to African Mission business.

May 6th The African Mission was transferred from the Committee that has thus far conducted it to the Ex. Com. of For. Miss. by the Gen. Syn. with the recommendation that I continue as Superintendent. This however was not my wish as I had already offered

my resignation.
May 7th Had a conference with a part of the Ex. Com. of For. Miss. & they stated that they were unwilling at present to release me from the Mission, but said they expected soon to have a change in the Cor. Secretaryship of Missions & having in view the founding of an additional Mission in China, the Secretaryship would with some traveling in behalf of the cause, demand the entire time of one man, & they plainly in=

dicated that they were expecting me to take that position so soon as the change would be made. Nothing definite however was done & we made an appointment to meet again in New-York on the 28th of this month.

May 19th Baltimore having come down here last week to purchase & send out some supplies to the Miss. I was informed by Dr. Morris that the Home Miss. Committee had

appointed me a travel
ing Missionary for the
South West - to visit
their Stations explore
with a view to form
new Stations & also to
visit destitute Church
es & preach to them
as often as compatible
with the other portions
of my work. This ap-
pointment I must con
fess I would much
like to fill as it would
afford me the opportu
nity of preaching to
the really needy. But
can do nothing till
I meet the For. Miss
Com. at New York.

New-York May 28th 1862.
Came up here last night to attend a meeting of the Com. here today - Met at 9 O'clock this morning at Leture Room of St James Church 15th St.
Mr. Sunderling Cor. Sec. not being present at the hour, we delayed action till he arrived - about 11 O'clock.
Com. resolved today to Send Bro. Steiner to Africa in the fall if practicable. We spent much time in discussing the interests of the African Mission & the Com. manifested ~~much in~~

a determination to carry forward the work vigorously.

Thurs. 29th We had a small missionary meeting last night in the St James Church. I spoke briefly about the African mission & Dr. Pohlman closed with an appeal in behalf of the work. This morning after calling on Mrs. Weigand friends here I went to the Lecture room & found the brethren discussing the subject of the Chinese mission. The Com. Resolved to proceed imm

mediately to carry out the wish of the General synod in regard to the founding of a Miss. in China. They determined to send forth at once bro. Reymann to collect funds for the founding of the mission.

This afternoon the Com. resolved to continue me as Superintendent of the A.f. Miss. & also appointed me as General Agent of Foreign Missions; & they warmly urge me to accept the appointment. But my way does not seem

clear to do so. I have been thinking much recently about engaging in the Home Mission work. I feel much perplexed about the matter & have asked of the Com. one month to decide whether I will accept or not.

Philadelphia Pa.

May 30.th Came down here last night. Wrote letters, to Rev. Schock, Geiger, & Sendeling. Also attended to some business with Martin Buehler.

Sunday June 1st 1862

I spend this day with

Dr Kay at Harrisburgh Pa. Preached for him this forenoon & will preach for bro. Johnson tonight. Dr. Kay rather advises me to engage in the Home Mission work, as that cause is now in great need of some effort that will revive its interests in our church.

Pittsburgh June 3rd Came over to attend the meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod & to see Rev Neumann, who has just been appointed a Missionary to China. He is a most earnest & sincere Christian & also a man of very great learning - By our

heart has been refreshed by Christian counsel & conversation with him.

Holmesville O. June 6th

Today while visiting here with my friends I wrote a short article in regard to the African Miss. for the Lutheran Observer & also for the Lutheran & Missionary. Am yet un decided as to what I can do about accepting the agency of For. Miss.

Allentown Pa. June 18th 62.

Came up here yesterday to attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod

with a view to arrange with the Synod for operation within its bounds if I would accept the For. Miss. Agency, & also to prepare the way for Rev. Newman to operate in behalf of the China Mission. After some further consultation with several of the brethren I have now decided to accept the appointment of the Ex. Com. of For. Miss. & at once will enter on my work. I have accordingly written to bro. Len-derling Cor. Sec. accepting the agency.

I have now secured per-
mission of the Synod to
visit the churches in
its connection in behalf
of the Foreign Missions of
our church.
I have accepted this agen-
cy with much hesitation
& misgiving, as I have thou-
ght I would not again
engage in a traveling col-
lecting agency, & as I have
always desired to labor in
the west. If I would ac-
cept the agency I saw that
I would have to remove
to some place east of the
Mountains & this would
take me away from the

west where I have desired
to labor, & live

Having now accepted
the agency I here record
the Res. past by the Ex.
Com at New-York May
28th 1862.

"Res. That the instructions
given to Mr. Weigand by
Mr. Offer be indorsed by this
Committee.

Res. that Mr. Offer be
directed to collect all the
monies belonging to the M.
mission excepting the $1000.
invested with Mr. J. D.
Martin, & to remit the
same to our Treas. Mar-
tin Buehler Esq.

Res. That by the transfer of the African Miss. it becomes necessary to concentrate our funds in the hands of our Treas. Martin Buehler Esq. & that having requested Mr. Officer to collect & pay over the securities in his hands, Mr. J. S. Martin Esq. former Treas. of the African Miss. be assured of our gratitude for his kind services hitherto, & that he be informed that whenever it suits his conve=nience to transfer the funds in his hands to Mr. Bueh=ler we will relieve him of all further labor & responsi=bility.

Res. That Mr. Steiner be advised of our wish to have him proceed to Africa in the course of the present year.

Res. That Mr. Weigard be directed to hold out the promise of marriage to the older boys & girls, in the last year of their apprenticeship, if their deportment be such as would warrant it.

Res. That the propriety of sending Annie Selkirk to Africa be left to the discretion of Rev. Offier.

Res. That we coincide in Mr. Offier's directions to Mrs. Weigard in regard to ~~coming home~~ her returning to the U.S.

Res. That we promise to give an outfit to each ~~of~~ married couple from our Af. Miss. when the marriage is in accordance with the wishes of our Missionaries of $20 to consist of a dress for each, an ax, a hoe & other necessary household & farming utensils.

Res. That the salary of Mr. Steiner be $400. ~~for~~ ~~four~~ the first year with an outfit of $150. His salary to commence from the time of his ~~landing~~ arrival in Africa.

Res. That a draft be drawn on the Af. Miss. funds in favor of Rev. M. Oliver

for $ 266.42 — of which $ 200. is for Salary due, & $ 66.42. being travelling expenses & for goods sent to Africa,

Res. That Rev. Mr. Officer be continued superintendent of African Mission in connection with the general Financial agency of the Foreign Mission Society."

Resolutions adopted by the Ex. Com. at Athens New-York State July 8 & 9th 1862.

"Res. That half of Mr. Officers Salary & expenses be charged to the Af. Miss. & ~~that~~ the other half to our General fund.

Res. That he continue the management of the G. Miss. as hitherto, report-ing all correspondence, asking the committee for instructions, laying before them all bills for necessary purchases for their authentication, with such other suggestions from time to time as may be demanded by the events of the mission.

As financial agent he will visit all the Synods & con-ferences within his reach whether belonging to the Gen. Synod or not, with a view of awakening a deeper in-terest among our minist-

ters & of inducing them to adopt a systematic plan of aiding our funds by monthly & Sunday-School collections.

He shall visit all the churches he can taking up collections & inducing them to adopt some method of sustaining our missions—detailing his own particular operations & such general missionary intelligence as shall come within his reach.

All funds which may come into his hands, he will transmit to the Treas. Martin Buehler Esq. specifying the particular object

to which they are to be appropriated"

Aug. 5th Wrote to Mr. Gei=gerd replying to his letters of April 26 & June 1st & 2d in informing him of Mr. Steiners appointment Of design to send supplies & Bibles to a[illegible] [illegible] in Sept. or Oct.

Aug. 8th Washingtonville O. Came here today to attend a meeting of the East Ohio Synod & was sadly disappointed in not meeting bro. B. F. Steiner who has been appointed Missionary to Africa, & who was

to meet me here, & in receiving from him a letter stating that he had entered the army & could not for the present go to our mission although I cannot censure bro. S. for his course yet I feel deeply disappointed & troubled by his change of determination. It seems to me that since the Government has resolved on drafting & therefore will procure the required number of soldiers at any rate, he should have continued in his design to go to the mission & if drafted

either pay some one to go in his place or allow the Ex. Com. to pay the necessary sum for him. Now I know of no one suitable for the work. May God direct us & take care of his holy cause.

Aug. 14th Yesterday the E. O. Synod adjourned & I came over here — Pittsburgh Pa. to see bro. Neumann about going to China — & find him in great doubt as to his duty.

~~Sunday~~ Sunday Aug. 31st 62
Springfield. O...
I am now detain-

ed here by the order of the Government rela=tive to drafting — minis=ters being obliged to per=form military duty in this State & there being an order from the Secre=tary of War that all able bodied men between the ages of 18 & 45 rem=ain within their own county till after the 3 of Sept, I am una=ble to go to New-York to purchase supplies for our mission & send out on a vessel that is to sail in a day or two. There is not the least

necessity of this detention
of persons whose business
requires them to leave the
county or State & it seems
hard that our Mission
interests should suffer
without rendering any
good to the country.
The whole regulation
requiring Ministers of the
Gospel to perform Militia
ry duty is infidel in
in its character & ought
to be changed.
I am beginning to feel
that I must give up
this agency. I have had
so many hindrances in
the State of the country
& so on that I feel

much discouraged as I cannot secure sufficient funds to justify my continuance & acceptance of Salary. May my Merciful & Heavenly Father direct me in this perplexity! I do desire to do the will of God Oh that I may surely know what that will is!

Springfield O. Sept 10th 1862

Having been informed by the Ex. Com. that they will not suspend the agency on account of the war but require

me to go on with the work I have sold my house & most of my goods & today start east intending to locate somewhere in Eastern Pa. to prosecute my agency. I go with great reluctance as the country is in a state of excitement & alarm altogether unfavorable to my work, but believing that I would not now be justified in resigning the charge of the African Mission I feel bound to continue in the agency also as

it is all the same general work. May God the all Wise & all merciful direct me.

Shippensburg Pa. Sept 16th

I came here last Friday 12th to attend the meeting of the West Pennsylvania Synod & found only about one third of the Synod in attendance on account of the threatened invasion of the State by the rebel army. Each day since there have been hundreds & on some days thousands of Soldiers rushing up this valley towards the scene of conflict at Boonsboro Md.

The brethren here being anxious to return to their homes hurried through the most important business & on Saturday about noon adjourned. I remained with bro. Gotwalt- Preached Sat. & Sund & aided in administering the Sacrament- Lectured Sund afternoon & preached at night in the Presbyterian Church. Yesterday received Bills of Goods purchased for the African Mission & bro. Heigers by Yates & Porterfield New-York & shipped to Monrovia by the Bark Grey-hound, & today have ordered the payment of

the bills & have arranged the mission accounts & ~~have~~ written some letters. News have come that our army have defeated the rebels in a terrible battle at Boonsboro or Middletown (or in that vicinity) Md. More than one hundred rebel prisoners have been taken down to Harrisburgh this morning.

Lancaster Pa Sept 23

Came down here early this morning — rented a house for five months at $48 — wrote letters to John F. Mitchell — W. W. Briley — Luth. Observer Luth.

& Missionary - Rev. Wm Baum - Wife & Rev. J. Z. Sonderling -

Today is published Pres. Lincoln's Proclamation Emancipating the Slaves of all rebels & calling attention to the Confiscation act of Congress & ordering all Military Officers to enforce them on pain of dismission from the Service. I think it will prove a hard blow to the rebellion. May God speed the work, until all are free!

Have been very sad all day on account of my doubts in regard

to my duty of remaining here. May the All Wise One guide me & if in deciding to come here I have erred may he have mercy & pardon all the wrong. I do desire to serve God & do his will. O may I then find grace & Strength to avail for my hours of need!

Mond. Oct. 13th 1862.

Lancaster Pa.

We arrived here last Wednesday morning & on Thurs. took up our abode in a house on Duke St near Vine, where we expect to make our home

for a few months at least. The house is pleasantly lo=cated & is convenient. We have great reason to be thankful for so good a home & for the health & other blessings which we enjoy. I am not without misgivings about my agency, as the coun=try continues in such a dreadful state of com=motion & warfare, but will now do the best I can. And may the Divine assistance be gran=ted me to make me useful & happy. Oh that I could be more devout & faithful.

Philadelphia Pa Oct 15th/62
Procured a donation of two
Boxes of "Saponifier" from
Mr. Geo. Lewis of Phila.
for. Dr. McGill & J. B
Warner Monrovia Liberia
to be sent from New-York
by the Ann. Yates &
Porterfield.

Lancaster Pa.
Nov. 10th 1862
Have just returned
from Baltimore Md.
where I shipped a
lot of supplies to Af-
rica for both bro. Wei-
gerd & the Mission.
Remitted complete bills
of the articles to bro.

Weigard & wrote him at length ~~of~~ in regard to the interests of the Mission.

At Baltimore I became acquainted with a colored man by the name of F. J. Peck, a preacher of the Meth. Epi. Church of whom I think favorably as a candidate for appointment to Muhlenberg Mission.

Perryville Pa.

Nov. 14th 62

Today met here bro. Jacob Klien, formerly student of Mtt. Col. O. who is considering the

subject of going as Miss-ionary to Muhlenberg. May the Lord direct him & us!

Feb. 9th 1863.

Since making the above record I have met bro. Klein several times for the purpose of talking with him about going to Africa & have also corresponded with him considerably. Indeed he had received a conditional appointment by the Committee & had accepted it but he so often wavered & seemed to have so little resolution that

I at length told him I thought he ought not to go & to this he gave his assent; but again afterwards very earnestly urged me to favor his going & I consented again to present the case to the Com. But in a day or two again he was as unsettled as before, & I then decidedly told him he could not go, & he returned to Ohio. O how few young men when they talk about this work & their consecration to it realize any thing of its impor-

tance & solemnity. May God, whose the Mission is prepare himself the heart of some one soon to engage in this noble & needy work!

In view of the oppressive labors of bro. ~~Heigerd~~ now at the Mission, & of the peril of the Mission in case he were suddenly to be called away I was very anxious to have some one go to his relief, & although I did not urge bro. Klein to go yet I was willing that he should go before passing through his entire course. But I now

see clearly that his appointment would have been a mistake & I thank God that he so soon showed his unfitness for the undertaking & therefore did not actually go forth to the field. But I still feel great anxiety about our Muhlenberg Station & am greatly desirous that some suitable person should go out very soon. Still I must leave all in the hands of God.

This disappointment by Bro. Klein, together

with a great number of smaller disappointments delays & hinderances in my agency have almost turned me away from the work. For two months past I have been constantly baffled about finding churches in which I could do something for our missions. It has taken most of the time during the week to find some place where I could operate in behalf of missions on Sunday. I have written letters constantly but all in vain. My God what does it

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mean? Am I not engaged as thou wouldest have me? If not I only pray that I may know thy holy will. I desire to do thy will Oh God. Anew, then, this day with a sad heart for my great failures & defects I consecrate to thee Oh, God my unworthy life. O wilt thou receive me & use me as thou seest best! If I am not now in the way of duty then make this plain & also teach me what I ought to do! But I must now hastily

prepare to preach here Perryville Pa as I have come down from Mifflin where I spent Sunday, to preach a few times for bro. Smith. O I do desire to serve God better!

Feb. 10th Still at Perryville — preached last night not with much freedom — am suffering from sore throat. Sent off letters to Dr. Wall, Misses Yates & Porterfield, Mr. Reidel, Dr. Krauth & Mr. Buehler. Am much concerned about our African mission. Oh that God would direct me

in all that I attempt
to do in its behalf!
Feb. 11th Perrysville—Preached
again last night 12 or
14 persons presented them
selves for instruction &
prayer. I preached with
great difficulty owing
to the State of my throat.
Have thought of going
home to rest till I am
relieved. Wrote to bro.
Weigard & bro. Goettman
to the latter about join
ing our mission in
Africa. Am trying to
be more prayerful & devout
than for a long time
I have been. O my God

help me that I may henceforth be more exemplary & faithful than ever heretofore!

~~Lancaster Feb. 14th Came home two days ago, I did not go out again immediately in consequence of~~

Lancaster Pa. Feb. 14th/63

Having a sore throat I left Perryville two days ago & came home. Yesterday received a letter from Dr. Pohlman stating that the Ex. Com. would not make any appropriation to the African Mission out of

the general funds. This is entirely contrary to the understanding with which I entered upon the agency. I have told all the Churches, Synods, Conferences Synods &c that I have visited that the Committee would make appropriations & now it seems that the Com. will not do so. I know this was the expressed condition on which I agreed to take the agency & I believe firmly that the Committee understood it in the same way I did. I therefore cannot but again doubt that they really intend

to prosecute the work.

Lancaster 15th 1863

Sunday — detained at home today for the first time since going east, by the sickness of my wife. Have had a sad day indeed in consequence of the disappointments of our mission & of Drs. Pohlmans letter.

Monday 16th Still at home — Mrs. Officer a little better. No light on my pathway yet. But think seriously of quitting the agency, & perhaps the superintendency also.

Lancaster Pa. Feb. 27th /63

Returned home last night & found my wife very unwell, having suffered severely during my absence. During my recent visit to Albany for the purpose of speaking with Dr. Pohlman, chairman of the Committee in regard to the distribution of the Mission funds, I have felt more reconciled to the agency, as the Dr. has declared his willingness that some appropriation—at least enough to cover the African Missions half of the expenses of

the agency should be made to that mission. I will therefore go on with the agency till the Committee meet again & act upon this matter.

Sunday March 1st Lancaster Pa — I am detained at home by the illness of my wife, but will preach on the subject of missions in Trinity Church here tonight. I am much perplexed because I am able to do so little for the cause of missions. May the Lord Who over direct me aright that I may efficiently serve him!

Monday March 2nd Middletown Pa. Came over here this evening to attend meeting of Delaware Conference heard Bro. Willard preach an excellent discourse this evening. Lodge with Dr. Brown.

Tues. March 3rd Perryville Pa. Came up here today after making arrangements at Middletown & have also here arranged to spend three Sunday in this month on Charges in bounds of the Juniata Conference, which body is

now in session here. I am
now in hope that I can
operate more effectually
than I have done for the
past two months.

Wed. 4th Came home that
evening — my wife still
very unwell — but a little
more comfortable than
when I left.

Thurs. Wrote to bro. Smeltzer
ling my quarterly report
for quarter ending Feb. 28th —
Copied it & wrote also to
Yates & Porterfield New York.

Frid. 6th March. 1863.

@ Middletown Pa.

This afternoon came over
here to preach a few times

for Bro. Ehrehart & on Sunday
to make an effort for Missions
Just before leaving home
received a letter from Bro.
Goettman whom I had
expected to go to Muhlen-
berg Mission, informing
me that he cannot go.
Preached tonight - but not
with much power, or
freedom.

Sat 7th March - Middletown
Pa. Wrote to Bro. Goet-
man - G. M. Geiger & A.
W. [illegible]tz the last of
whom on the subject of
his going to Africa. I
have resolved to pray
daily to God that he

will incline the mind of some proper person to enter upon the mission work at our Muhlenberg Station. O Lo thou God of missions raise up help for our needy mission! Preached again tonight but feel that the people are not much moved by the word.

Sund. 8 Still at Middletown - Preached this morning to a small number of people in the lecture room while bro. Ehrehart preached in the Church in German. The roads very bad. Between this afternoon to

the Sunday School — & Preach-
ed tonight — No appar=
ent effect on the people.
Night very Stormy & cloudy
Cloudy. Lodged part of
the time with Bro Brown.
Monday 9th to Sat. 14 at
home — my wife very un=
well — and very Sad — has
been all week.
Sat 14th Came this morn=
ing to Newport to operate
for miss. in bro. Tochts Cha=
rge — Lodged with bro. Chris.
Long.
Sund. 15th Could not speak
here (Newport) today on
account of two funerals
here. —

Afternoon came to St. John's Church — Preached took small collection — walked 4 ms. to Bloomfield through a terrible snow storm — preached at night to a small audience — evening exceedingly stormy.

Monday 16th Evening rode 5 ms. in sleigh to Greenbush School House & spoke to a small audience & took a collection & came back to Bloomfield.

Tues. 17th Walked 6 ms to Mansville & preached in a School House & took a small subscription — Lodged with Br. Fisher — Roads

very muddy.

Wed. 18th Went with a funeral from Mansville to Thomas Ch. 4 mi. & there preached a short funeral discourse in the after-noon. At night preach-ed at Hopkins to only a few people & got a ~~sm~~ small subscription not $4. Lodged with Henry Long. People very kind but not many in these small churches that are in good circumstances.

Thurs. 19 Came over to Bloomfield with bro. Long. Received two letters — one from my wife — She is

better, thank the Lord!
Pre'sum bro. Lenty of
Selinsgrove – cir which he
declines going to Africa.
How little of the mission
Spirit is manifested
by our young men!
Am to ~~lecture here~~ to=
~~night.~~
Friday 20th Small audi
ence last night – & a
small contribution – I
find as little mission
feeling here as in any
charge that I have visited.
The people evidently have
heard but little on the sub=
ject.
This afternoon came over

part way on foot &
the rest by Stage to
Green Park on my way
to Loysville. Lodged
with Br. Solomon Bern
heisel, an excellent man,
Sat. 21st Walked six,
two miles, to Loysville
& stopped with Rev. P.
Sahm,- a Good Man.
Afternoon went to see Br.
Kistler whom I have for
some time been thinking of
for our African Mission,
Spoke to him & his wife
on the subject, but cannot
tell what may be the
result, as they have not
hitherto thought much
on the subject of their

consecration to the Mission work. They appear willing to consider the matter fairly & act as ~~convictions~~ their convictions may lead them — May the Lord direct them!

Sunday March 22nd

Preached at Layville in the morning — to a tolerably large audience considering the state of the roads. Afternoon went to Germany Church & preached to a small audience — mostly I should think of people in moderate circumstances — Lib. tolerably good. Evening rode two miles to

to Mr. Sharpe's – a public house kept by a member of our Church & thence 2 miles to the Mt Zion Church – Audience small mostly young persons – the roads being very deep & the night dark. – Sub. Small. – Lodged with bro. Sharpe.

Mond. 23rd On account of bad roads recalled my appointments at Blair & came home – arriving at 7½ oclock in the evening. Found little ones well & Mrs. O. better.

Tues. 24th to Sat. 27th Home Wrote three articles on Foreign Miss. for the Lutheran

& Missionary.

Sund. March 29th Preached at night for Rev. Conrad.

Monday 30th & Tues. 31st Moving to another part of the City.

April 1863.

Wed. 1st Wrote to Rev. Sunderling, Rev. Urick, & James Walker. Received letters from Revs. Severinghouse & Kistler the latter of whom I have hope will go to Africa. Afternoon "Fixing up" about the house.

Thurs. 2nd Wrote to Bro. Thomas & sent him a draft for $2.00 to pay a debt due my

mother — Still "fixing up" after our removal. Am weary from over exertion.

~~Thurs.~~ Fri. April 3rd

At home Still busy arranging things in our new home — All well thank God — Wrote to bro. Kistler in reply to his proposition to go to Africa.

~~Sat. April. At home.~~

Sat. April 4th Came over to Reading via Philadelphia — Cold blustering day.

Sund. Forenoon aided bro. Valentine to admin-ister the Communion

afternoon addressed the Sunday School in Bro. V's Church & at night preached on the subject of Foreign Missions. The evening being the eve of the regular monthly missionary meeting a collection was taken.

Mond. 6th Wrote to Dr. Pohlman & Rev. Schock & then came down to Philadelphia. Paid over some money to Martin Buehler Treasurer. Wrote home.

Tues. 7th Went to Norristown

Wed. 8 Lectured at night at Norristown

Thurs. 9th Came to Philadel-

phia - Received letters from home, Rev. Sahm & Rev. J. Z. Senderling - Wrote to the last named - & came home in the evening.
Frid 10th Wrote to Dr. Hall & Rev. F. J. Peck, Baltimore. Writing in the afternoon.
Sat. April 11th Came to
Sund. 12 Reading - Morning preached in Trinity Ch - afternoon at 1 O'clock lectured to the Sunday School of Trinity 2½ Preached at Christ's Church in the Country & at night again in Trinity.
Monday 13 Came home. Found my wife again sick

in bed – am much disheart-
ened at her long continued
illness – May the Lord give
me patience in this affliction
Tues. 14th At home –
Wed 15 At home – wrote
another articles for the
Lutheran & Missionary on
the results of Foreign Miss-
ions.
Thurs. 16th At home – wrote
to mother – bro. Thomas,
Rev. Kistler, Christian Lang
& Rev. Kindel. – Wrote anoth-
er article on missions for
the Lutheran & Missionary.
In the evening received
long letters – 12 pages from
bro. Weigerd in Africa & also

one from Miss Hannah Moore who was formerly in connection with the Mendi Mission & is now on a visit at Muhlenberg. Also a letter from my old friend Dr. McGill at Monrovia Liberia, in reply to one sent out last fall, & lastly a cheering short note from Mrs. Heigerd. The health of our Missionaries is good, & their work is prosperous in a high degree. Only one want - viz another faithful laborer. I here record my great gratitude to the God of

missions for his care exer-
cised over our infant
mission in Africa. May
goodness & protection ever
continue!
Friday 17th At home, wrote
another article on Missions
for publication in the
Lutheran & Missionary.
Sat. 18th Wrote to Mr.
J. D. Dorne & to Rev. J.
Kistler. I go to Reading
this forenoon. Lodged
with Rev. Valentine
Sund 19th Lectured in
the morning to the Sund.
School of St. James Ch.
& Preached same place.
Afternoon - Rode to the

St Johns Church 5 ms. &
Preached at 2½ – Stopped
short time with John Brow
n Esq – Then rode 6 ms.
to Geigertown & Preached in
St James Church at night
Lodged with bro. Zer.
Monday 20th Rose at
3½ Oclock – I was taken
by Mr. Geiger to the
R. R. Station 6 ms for
the early train to Phila.
Tues. 21st. At home – Wrote out
some extracts from bro. Heyers
letters for publication in
the Observer & the Lutheran.
Wed. 22nd Came up to New-
port Pa. to Meet bro. Kistler
& confer with him about

his going to Africa & if it was finally decided that he go, to make some arrangements for his ordination & embarkation — Met him at this place — found him willing — even anxious, to go & was informed that his wife would desire to go along, but on account of her peculiar situation I requested him to leave her to go out on the next Ship. Arrangements had been made by Rev. S. Focht Pres. of the Synod of Central Pa. for bro. Kist lers ordination on the evening of Tues. April 28th

Lectured at Newport on Wed. night 22nd—
Thurs - 23rd Went down today to Duncannon where Mrs. Kistler resides at present with her mother, to suggest to her the propriety of her remaining in the United States till fall. Succeeded in convincing her that it would be best for her to remain. The arrangements were therefore made for ~~brother~~ Kistler to go on the M. C. Stevens about the middle of May & Mrs. Kistler in the fall. Returned here —Newport & lectured at night. Wrote, to Revs. Lindaling & Cunear R

Frid. 24th At Newport— write Instructions to bro. Kistler & began replies & instructions to bro. Weigerd. Preached at night. Wrote home.
Sat. 25 Wrote to Mr. W. Moore of Liberia— Preached in the forenoon at Newport— a preparatory sermon & came down to Duncannon & thence to Davids Ch. 4 ms. in the country & lodged with Mr. Zeigler.
Sund. 26th Preached in the forenoon at Davids Church— Afternoon rode to Duncannon & preached at 2½ Oclock. Also lectured at night. Lodged with Mr. Keiser.

Mond 27th Came up to New=port — at night heard bro. Kinzel preach a good dis course — Am not well having taken cold.

Tues. 28th Copied some of the instructions of bros. Steigerw & Kinzel. Afternoon met the brethren who came to ordain bro. Ritter & made arrangement for the ordination & missionary meeting to be held at night — There were pres=ent — Revs. Sahm, Ziegler, Focht, Fletcher, Smith, Kinzel & Given. At night sermon preached by br. Zieg ler — Ordination by Rev Focht — & I made some

statements concerning the mission & delivered some brief & general instructions to the Missionaries, Mr. Shelter & his wife.

The meeting was a very pleasant one & profitable one I hope to the people of the place.

Wed. 29th Wrote to James Walker, Came home in the afternoon & Lectured for bro. Conrad in the evening— Am not well.

Thurs. 30th This the national fast day appointed by Pres. Lincoln.

~~Yesterday [illegible]~~

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May 1863

Frid. 1st At home - not well -

Sat. 2nd Came to Lower Merion, Rev. J. Vecks Charge - Quite unwell from severe cold.

Sund. 3rd Preached in the forenoon & aided administering the Sacraments. Afternoon lectured to the Sunday School & evening lectured to the congregation. Still uncomfortable & sick today with little voice etc.

Monday 4th Went in to Philadelphia in the morning. Came home in the afternoon &

Came over to York in the evening to attend Conference.

Tues. 5th Wrote to Rev. Sunderling— Spoke on the Subject of Missions before the York Conference. Lodged with bro. Kraber.

Wednesday 6th Rose at 4 Oclock & took the early train to Columbia & thence home. Found bro. Kistler here— he having come on the early express. ~~Wrote to~~

Lectured before the Junior Missionary Society of Trinity Church of this place. Bro. Kistler who is on his way to Baltimore was present

spoke briefly in a very appropriate manner. The night was very rainy & chilling, but the attendance was good & the meeting interesting. Bro. K. is with us tonight.

Thurs. 7th This morning bro. Kistler left for Philadelphia Pa. to go thence to Baltimore on Sunday next. I am still more favorably impressed with this bro. Wrote to Revs. Krotel & Laird, Mr. Klein, Miss. Ruth L. Strobel, Liberia.

This evening the most disheartening reports have come from the army

of the Potomac under Gen. Hooker. It has been compelled to recross the Rappahannock & there is reason to believe that it has met with great disaster. I have been utterly unfit for any thing all the evening. Hardly know whether to go forward in the preparations for Mr. Histler's sailing. It seems indeed as if our government were to be destroyed. May the God of Nations save us from utter desolation!

Frid. 8th Wrote to James Walker — Came to Balti-

more — Lodged at the Frank-
lin House
Sat 9th At Baltimore — Sitt-
ing of the Ship postponed
one week. Consequently
made no purchases yet.
Sund. 10. Attended services at Lectured to morning S. S. at Sharp Street,
Monument St. Church &
at the close made some
statements concerning our
missions with a view to
the taking of a collection
for missions in a few weeks
Afternoon Lectured to the S. S.
at Monument St. Preached
at 4½ at Lombard St
Church — & Spoke on the
subject of missions in the
evening at Ontario St. Ch.

Lodged with Dr. Norris.
Prof. Stearns is also here.
Monday 11th Bro. Kistler came
down from Philadelphia to-
day. We visited forts on
Federal Hill & Ft. McHen-
ry. At the latter place
saw about four hundred
rebel prisoners. Talked
with a few of them - most
of them were very de-
termined in their oppo-
sition to the General Gov-
ernment. Returned this
evening sad in consequence
of what I had seen.
Tues. 12th Made most of the
purchases needed by bro. Kis-
tler & by the Mission am

tired. Lodge again at the Franklin House.

Wed 13th Finished making purchases & in the evening came up to Lutherville Lectured at night in the Chapel here. Lodged with Prof. Heilig.

Thurs. 14th Writing a letter to Mr Gill & others ar=ranging accounts &c

Frid. 15 This morning came down to Baltimore. Settled some accounts & afternoon went out to Dr. Halls & lodged there a pleasant visit.

Sat. 16 Went over this morn=ing to Washington City to see whether I could do

anything for Missions in Rev. Butlers Church, but found no opportunity, he having taken the yearly contribution to For. Miss. Afternoon came on to Frederick City — reached here late in the evening & got permission from Dr. Diehl to present the subject tomorrow in his Church.

Sund 17th Preached in the morning to a large audience got a good collection — Lectured during the afternoon to two Sunday Schools — & in the evening preached again to a large audience.

May 1863

Mond. 18th Came in this morning to Baltimore. Met Bro. Whistler & completed arrangements for his sailing. Wrote to Jas. Walker, Ohio. Visited some contributors to our Mission - settled a few small bills. Took tea with Dr. Stork - a pleasant evening - Wrote till 12 O'clock completing letters to various persons in Liberia. Lodged with Dr. Morris.

Tues. 19th Rose very early - Wrote some letters to Mission children & others & prepared to return home. Abt 9 1/4 O'clock bade Bro. Whistler farewell & took the Cars for home. Came

to Columbia Pa. by 1 Oclock but here must wait till 5½ this evening — Have just been writing & arranging for my settlement with the Committee in a few days. Am somewhat sad — only a little reaction after the excitement of the last few days, perhaps — but perhaps also caused in part by my anxiety about bro. Rittler. May the God of Missions preserve his health & prosper his undertaking! I feel at times very much the responsibility of my position. Oh that I were more in the spirit of my work! I now have

record my devout gratitude to All Mighty God for the favor he has shown our infant Mission in Liberia he has heard our prayers & has afforded us help.
Came home about 6 & all well –
Wed. 20th At home, wrote an article for the Lutheran & also some letters.
Thurs. 21st Wrote some letters in the morning & in the afternoon came to Mifflintown to Synod.
Frid. 22nd At Mifflintown at Synod a full attendance & a pleasant meeting thus far.
Sat. 23rd Still at Mifflintown – will remain over Sunday

Sund. 24th Morning lectured to the Sunday School - after noon preached in the Lutheran Church & in the Evening preached in the Presbyterian Church.

Monday 25th Time of the Synod today mostly taken up in investigating some charges preferred against Rev. Goss by Mr. Bowsler - An unpleasant affair.

Tues. 26th Lancaster - last night at Synod it became evident that we could get no time for the discussion of Mission matters & I therefore took the midnight train & came home. On reaching home found our

youngest child quite un=well. Feel dull & gloomy this morning weary of being so much from home. But must leave again early tomorrow morning for New-York where our Mission Committee are to meet tomorrow.

Wed. 27th Rose at 3 Oclock & took cars for New-York to attend a meeting of the Ex. Com. Reached that place at noon & afternoon attended meeting of Com. & attended to the business of the African Mission. My reports & Instructions to Revs. Kistler & Weigard

were all approved — Was authorized to receive the Legacy of Mr. Altimus — The following resolution authorizing me hereafter to order payments of drafts by our African Missionaries — "Res. That any drafts on our Treasury issued by our Missionaries in Africa be paid on their approval by Rev. M. Officer Superintendent". Lodged with bro, Ockershausen

Thurs. 28 Attended a meeting of Com. that morning & having attended to the business the Com. adjourned.

The Committee Res. to pay all the expenses of my Agency out of the Common fund so I continue the agency.

Sund, ~~31~~ 31st Morning addressed the Sunday School, of Rev. Sheekeighs Church Phia. Pa. & preached in the Church in the forenoon — & Afternoon spoke to the S.S. of St Johns Church & preached at the same place in the evening — a good attendance — have today walked about 12 miles, besides speaking four times — am tired

Monday June 1st ~~28~~ Came up to Reading to attend meeting of the Pa. Synod — At Synod all day.

Tues. June 2th ~~29~~ Attending to missionary business during the afternoon — Spoke at the

Missionary Anniversary of the Synod at night.
Wed. 3rd – Came home.
Thurs. 4th Came from home to Pittsburgh riding during the night –
Frid June 5th Early this morning left Pittsburg for Freeport to attend a meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod. Preached at night.
Sat. 6th Still at Freeport – Evening spoke briefly at Missionary meeting
Sund. 7th Heard Rev. Passavant preach in the morning ^addressed the S. S. in the afternoon rode five miles into the country to St. Matthews Church & preached

At night attended servi=
ces at Freeport.
Mond. 8 3rd — Left Freeport
on the early train for
Pittsburgh & in the after
noon went out to Homer
Station Indiana Co. & thence
rode across the country
to Brush Valley with
Rev. Altenmoyer on my
way to see Mr. Altemus
administrator of his father
who left a legacy to the
Bd. Miss. of $1000.
Tues. 9th Visited Mr. Altemus
at his home & returned
to Home by the evening
train. Hope to get the
$1000. but at the same

time fear it may fail
on account the demise
having been made too short
a time before the decease.
Reached Pittsburgh at 1 O
clock at night & went
immediately on west
ward reaching Bellefon=
taine O. on.
Wed. 13th in the forenoon.
Attended to some business
here — namely the case of
Mr. Barrauff who has long
had some of the Ass. [?] Ass[n]
funds on loan, whom
I was obliged a few months
ago to sue in order to
make the money safe as
we had no Mortgage —

Having ordered ~~an~~ levy to be made on some property I find that it has been done & that the property is valuable & available. Lodged with my dear Bro. Goodlin.
Thurs. 16th Came to Springfield by the early train Expected to settle up a claim of the mission against the property of Mr. Rubb now in the hands of S. Bowman Esq. Assignee — could not effect final settlement but received on the claim $50. The balance now due is small — ~~not~~ more

that about $50. interest
& all.
Fried. 12th Came to Cincin=
nati to attend a meeting
of the Miami Synod.
Sat. 13 Unwell—went
out with my brother=
in-law James Smith to
to Clifton.
Synd. 14th Addressed the
Sunday School in the
morning—Attended Services
forenoon & afternoon—&
made a brief address at
night.
Mond. 15th At Cincinnati
Synod adjourned about 11
O'clock at night. lodged with Mr. Rodefer
Tues. 16th Came up to

dayton in the afternoon
Lodged with Rev. Steck,
News from the East very
exciting & alarming - viz
that the Rebel troops
are in the Cumberland
valley advancing on Har-
risburgh - Various & num-
erous vague rumors are
afloat. Hardly know
whether to remain a week
or two more here as I
intended or to go directly
home.
Wed. 17th At dayton - Evening
Spoke on Missions in the
Lutheran Church.
Thurs. 18th Came to Spring-
field - Evening Spoke briefly

at a large Sunday School meeting in the Lutheran Church.

Frid. 19th Came to Utica O, to visit my brother Thomas.

Sat. 20th Came down to bro. P. N. Obannons.

Sund. 21st Rode with with bro. O Bannon to St Louis-ville & lectured to the Sunday School — Preached on Nupsins at 11 Oclock — took subscription — Afternoon rode to Utica & lectured there at night & then rode with bro. OBannon to Newark 12 ms where I lodged at a hotel till morning.

Mond. 22nd Took the Cars

early for Pittsburgh — Many rumors of the invasion of Pennsylvania — Some that Chambersburg, Carlisle &c are in the possession of the Rebels. Much excitement all along the road. People drilling in the rain at Pittsburgh — business suspended — 50.000 men working on the entrenchments about the city — no regular troops here.

Tues. 23rd Took the early train & came home — Found all pretty well. Thanks to God for this great blessing of health. Several letters awaiting my ar=

rival— among them one
from bro. Weigerd stating that
he is unwell & that he fears
his health is declining. He
seems to be in much de-
pression of spirits— I deep-
ly sympathize with him.
May Our Merciful & Heaven-
ly Father keep him!
Wed. 24th Arranging ac-
counts— wrote to Rev. S. Ren-
nee & Mrs. Kistler.
Thurs. 25th Wrote some extracts
of bro. Weigerd's last letters for
the Church papers.—
Frid. 26th At home—a rainy
day— Great excitement about
the reports that the rebel
forces are advancing on

Harrisburgh from Carlisle –
Sent Money $ 393.13 to
M. Buehler for musicians.
Sat. 27th Left Lancaster for
Lebanon at 11. Oclock a. m.
at Harrisburg, heard that
Hanover Junction was captu-
red by the Rebels. – This
evening – at Lebanon – heard
of the surrender of York.
People here much alarmed
& confused, but making
no move toward defence. I
am astonished at the apa-
thy & I must say coward
ice of the people – of Penn.
Most of the Merchants here
are now sending their goods
off to Philadelphia & New-

York, & many of the people are about to leave.
Sund. 28th Spoke in the morning to the Sunday School & preached at 10 A. M. in the Second Lutheran Church but on account of the excitement took no collection. Evening having met Bro. Gilbert's lately driven from Mechanicsburg & asked him to preach which he did.
Mond. 29th Came home via Philadelphia Pa. as the cars have ceased running between Harrisburg & Lancaster. Many people fleeing to Philadelphia. Citizens here much depressed.

Tues. 30th June. At home – the state of the country being such that I can do nothing for the mission cause.

Wed. July 1st 1863

Still at Lancaster – Rebels still about Harrisburg – & Carlisle the Army of the Potomac reported advancing Northward & near Gettysburg – some fighting there.

Thurs. July 2nd A battle reported at Gettysburg – Gen Reynold reported killed. The Rebels falling back somewhat. A battle at Carlisle – last night – Rebels retire – their pickets yet in sight.

Frid. 3rd No reliable news this morning – this silence

rather ominous — Room for fear that the Union forces are not successful. —

Have been doing some writing during the last few days — Mailed letters to Revs. Weigerd & Kistler at Muhlenberg Mission in Africa.

Frid. 3rd Reports from the army more favorable — Terrible conflict near Gettysburg Pa. the conflict not yet decisive. Losses very heavy.

Sat 4 No business done here today — not much demonstration in the way of celebrating the Fourth. Gen. Reynold who was killed in battle near

100 July 1863

Gettysburg two days ago was buried here today - The funeral was without any military display. & a few members of his Staff accompanied the corpse - the concourse of people at the depot was very great.

This afternoon we received Major Gen. Meade's official report of yesterdays battle at Gettysburg. It is encouraging - the repeated attacks of the enemy were severely repulsed & our forces captured 3,000 prisoners.

The President issued this afternoon a congratulatory order calling on the

people to render thanks
unto God who has given
us the victory. National
affairs now begin to look
a little brighter.

Sund 5th At home
today as I can do noth-
ing in my agency.
Heard bro. Conrad preach
this morning & bro. Weda
kind this evening.

Have permitted to go
tomorrow along with a
number of other gentle-
men to the battle-field
at Gettysburg to take hos-
pital stores from the
people here — we go at
the instance of the Associ

ation of Patriot daugh-
ters. We expect to be
absent a week or
more.

Lancaster July 21st
1863.

This evening I returned
home from the late battle
fields about Gettysburg &
Hagerstown in the hospitals
of which I have spent
the last two weeks. The
scenes there were so ap-
palling & distressful as al-
most to paralize ones pow-
ers at his first entrance,
into them. The whole
acres — many ~~acres~~ of ground

closely covered over with
wounded dying & dead men,
Many of whom yet lay
weltering in their blood on
the spot at which they
had first been laid from
the stretchers & ambulances
when they were borne
off of the field of conflict.
At the edge of this ground
the surgeons were busy at
their bloody work & heaps
of amputated legs & arms
lay near their tent, while
the poor bleeding victims
of the missiles of war were
borne to & from the place
of amputation, with supp=
pressed but pitiful groans.

Many lay in the stupor of death - while others rent the air with bitter cries written from them by their agonizing pains, & not a few asked a little Christian counsel & our intercession with heaven in their behalf before their departure to the judgment seat. I found a larger number calmly trusting in Jesus & patiently awaiting their exit from earth that I had expected, & for this I thank God.

On account of the horrors of the scene I could have wished not to be there

but as the suffering was
there I rejoiced in the
privilege to administer a
little comfort to the brave
men who have thrown
themselves between an advan-
cing vindictive, merciless foe
& our peaceful northern
towns & cities, & have not
only defeated their designs
but have turned them hast-
ily backward on their
retreat to the South. Nay
I was even glad to admin-
3 ister to our enemies, who
were prostrated, helpless &
in want. But I have seen
enough of war. Mere curios-
ity would not induce me

to go to the battle field.

This is my birth day — Today I am Forty years old. I rejoice in the great mercy of God by which I have been spared for so many years. But I lament that the folly & carelessness & sin of mine by which so much of this period has been worse than wasted. May God still be merciful & may he grant me the grace I need to do his will!

Sunday July 26th — At Barren Hill near Philadelphia — Revisited the mission camp in the

morning & lectured at night
on Western Africa - also ad-
dressed the S. S. in the morn-
ing - Bro. Keedy & wife
very kind.

Monday Aug. 3rd Lancaster Pa.
Have just returned from Phil-
adelphia where I spent Sunday
& preached for Dr. Kiss -
For a few days last week
was permitted to remain at
home & read & study a little.
This afternoon on reaching home
I found letters from Bro. Weigand
& wife in Africa - & am sorry
to learn that his health is fail-
ing, while Mrs. Weigand though
better than a few months ago,
is not well. I fear that Bro.

Aug. 1863

Weigerd will have to come home in order to recruit health.

Aug. 4th Wrote out some extracts from Mr. & Mrs. Weigerd's letters for the Church Papers. Lectured at Lancaster.

Aug. 5th Wed. Having been appointed to preach on Missions at the approaching meeting of the Wittenberg Synod to which I still belong I have just today finished the preparation of my discourse.

Thurs. 6th Left home this morning at 1 Oclock for Indiana Co. Pa. where I am to preach on the subject of Missions & where

I expect to see Mr. Alte=
mus soon; & administrator
of the Mr. Altemus who
some time ago left by
demise $1000 to the
African Mission— there
is a legal barrier to
our getting the money
but I hope to get all
the heirs to waive their
claims & grant us the
legacy.

Frid. 7th at Blairs
ville forenoon & met bro.
Settlemoyer at Homer at
noon & went to Mr. Alte=
mus— found him very
agreeable— Also saw a num
ber of the rest of the

heirs—hope to procure the bequest—

Sund. Aug. 9th morning addressed S. S. at Brush Valley Church— Preached twice [illegible] forenoon & afternoon at a Church about 8 miles distant. Lodged with Mr. Wike-fell—

Mond 10th Rose early & rode 3 miles to Bolivar Station & took Cars to Greensburg to see Rev. Alery. Cannot operate in his charge next Sunday—as another appoint ment is made. Evening took Cars for Gettysburg on my way to Mealy-

land Synod at Taney-
town. Md.
Tues 11th Met many breth-
ren at Hanover Station on
their way to Gettysburg
to attend meetings of the
College & Seminary Boards
of Directors. Evening visited
part of the late battle
field & General Hospital.
Wed. 12th Spent whole day
or most of it on the battle
field & what I saw was
only what I expected from
my experience & observation
in the Field Hospitals
some weeks ago.
Thurs. 13th Walked from
Gettysburg to Taneytown 13
miles — taking dinner on

the way with bro. Mc. Kinney a very kind man. This little town — Taney town is named after the Taney family to which the Chief Justice belongs. It is a small place a little behind the age as the Justice himself has been for years. & like him it is likely to lose its relative importance in future years.
Frid. 14th at Taney town.
Sat. 15th Came with Rev. Holaway to Westminster to aid him at Communion & also make some effort on Sunday for Missions.

Preached at 9½ at Bryan's Church a preparatory sermon & at Seister's Church also a preparatory discourse. Lodge tonight with bro. Raifsnyder.

Sund. 16th Preached in the Benjamin's Church in the morning aided in administering the Communion & took a Collection for Missions. Afternoon Preached at St John's Church again aided in administration of Lord's Supper & took a Collection. Even returned with the pastor Rev. Holloway to Synod-here-Janeytown where at night I spoke briefly to

the Synod & congregation. But being called on very unexpectedly spoke with little satisfaction.

Mond. 17th Attended the Synod. Afternoon Mission business being up made some statements & asked Synod to cooperate with us in the Mission work. Whereupon a discussion ensued in regard to the particular plan to be adopted on with to raise miss. funds. I took part showed some objections to the plan & perhaps said too much — was severely censured by the President

& others for defeating the measure. Retire tonight with a sad heart—

Tues. Aug. 18th This morning I leave for Gettysburg & thence home— The Synod has adjourned & all are about leaving none sadder than myself— May God help me to see whether I should longer continue in the Agency— I am weary— The people here are very kind— I lodged with Mr. Carron a very hospitable & worthy family— May God bless them.

Wed. 19th Reached home this morning at about 4 Oclock, weary of the journey & more weary of myself. It seems to me that I am in need of every thing & possess nothing. I long to be in a more retired position & in some employment that will allow of my remaining at home.

Thurs. 20th At Home.

Frid 21 This morning at 1 Oclock took the Cars for Pittsburgh & thence to Ohio to visit some churches & attend the Meeting of the Wittenberg Synod to which I yet belong.

Had a long conversation with bro. Newman about the Chinese Mission & Miss. in general. What a simple minded Christian he is — How devoted to the cause.

Sat. 22 This morning at 1 Oclock took the Cars for Wooster O. Stopped with bro. Bultzly.

Sund. 23 Preached in Wooster in the morning — at St. John's Church in the country afternoon & at East Union in the evening.

~~Mond.~~ Mond. 24th Came down to Holmesville to see my mother & Sisters — All well — But

there are so many southern sympathizers in this county that it is very undesirable to live in place. Indeed neither the lives nor property of outspoken union men are safe.

Tues 25th Returned to Wooster in the evening

Wed. 26th Came over to Mansfield where there is living a man who is about to bequeath several hundred dollars to the African Mission - have seen the lawyer who is to write the will & have given him the necessary instruction as to the

name &c. of the Mission
Hope all will be well.
The testators name is
— Cocker.

Thurs. 27th Came over here
Upper Sandusky— this morn-
ing to attend the meeting
of Wittenberg Synod. Met a
number of the brethren
on the train— all very plen-
ty— May the Lord grant
us a profitable meeting!

Fri. 28th Attending Synod.
Wrote to Rev. Weigand to
be sent by the "Grey hound"
of New-York.

Sat. 29th Still at Synod
Wrote to Mrs. Weigand & to
Rev. J. Kistler to be sent

by the "Greyhound" of New-York. Wrote to Dr. Hall of Balt. Wrote to Mrs. Gunn.
Sund. 30 Attended services in the forenoon — Lectured to S. S. afternoon — Preached before the Synod on the subject of Missions at night.
Mond. 31st At Synod — After noon ~~lectured~~ addressed the Ladies Soldiers aid Society here in behalf of our Soldiers — had a good time — was much feeling — many wept. Synod closed very harmoniously about 10 oclock tonight or later.
Tues. September 1st 1863

Wrote a letter for the Luth-eran & Missionary- This evening take the cars for Pittsburgh.

Wed Sept 2nd At Pitts=burgh.

Thurs. 3rd Rose before 4 Oclock to take the early eastward train- Reached Altoona at 10 Oclock & Hollidaysburg at 11- Afternoon came by stage to this place Williams burgh- where the Allegheny Synod is in Session- Found two letters from my wife & one from Mr. Kistler- My family not well- Mrs. Kistler & child both unwell & she concludes that she will not be

able to go to Africa this fall — Am sad indeed to-night — God help me to be faithful — & to remain unshaken in my confidence in him who has all power!

Frid. 4th Rose early & wrote to my dear wife — I long to return home & share with her her trials. Attended Synod today.

Sat 5th Attending Synod — Got an opportunity this afternoon to present the cause of missions briefly to the Synod, but did not feel like occupying much time as

there was a manifest desire on the part of some of the Synod to stave the subject off. I have not felt that these brethren welcome me as the agent of missions. Many of them seem to think that the presentation of the subject is an intrusion on the business of the Synod.
Sund. 6th — Heard Dr. Baugher preach forenoon — afternoon preached on missions five miles distant at New Valley.
Mond. 7th Attended to a little more mission business with Synod. Came tonight 2 miles out into the coun-

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try to Dr. Wolff's to take stage early tomorrow for Petersburg on the R. R. Lodged with Mr. George Hewitt during Synod - a very kind man. May the Lord bless that family.

Met at Synod bro. Rice whom I have known for nearly a year & of whom I have been thinking as a missionary. Spoke to him on the subject & found him very favorably inclined. Perhaps ever anxious to go to Africa.

~~Mon.~~

Tues. 8th Rose before day light & took stage to Petersburg

Stopped two hours at Sumannuk to see Mrs. Whittier. Found her improving in health but still undecided as to her going to Africa this fall. Reached home at sunset — Found Mrs. Smith & sister here the former being still very sick.

Wed. 9th Wrote acknowledgments of contributions received & sent them with the money to the Treasurer. Wrote to Revs. Holloway & Albert & also to the Corresponding Secretary.

Thurs. 10th Left home this forenoon for this place

Newville Pa. to attend the meeting of the West Pennsylvania Synod - Heard the Pres. of Synod Rev. Bridenbaugh preach the opening sermon. - I lodge in company with Dr. Lochman, at Mr. McKinney's a member of the Presbyterian Church. Frid. 11th Sept. Synod - a pretty full attendance - business of Synod progresses harmoniously, except one case - Rev. Bergsulo has been unruly in regard to Conference meetings - I think too he is a little tainted with disloyalty & that accounts for his neglect to coöper

ate with the rest of the brethren - Wrote to Rev. Reiss.

Sat. 12th Presented Mission business briefly to Synod this afternoon - & spoke before the Synod & congregation tonight - No special interest but the Synod will cooperate as heretofore & I hope even more heartily.

Sund. 13th Forenoon heard Rev. Kurtz preach an unhappy discourse under the circumstances - too much of controversy for a Communion occasion. Afternoon preached at St. Peters Church in behalf of Missions & took a collection -

Mond. 14th Came home this evening
Tues. 15th At home.
Wed. 16th At home—received a letter from Bro. Kistler, but as it was written at the Cape Verde Islands it is of former date to the one received some time past. Wrote to Revs. Neuman & Fink.
Thurs. 17 Accompanied Mrs. Smith Mrs. Officers brothers sister, who has been here sick for 5 weeks to Philadelphia. Came home in the evening accompanied by another sister-in-law & her son from Cincinnati— they make us a very short visit indeed as they go ————

home tomorrow.
Frid. 18th At home all day
very rainy dreary, weather.
Sat. 19th Went to Germantown
Sund. 20th Preached this morn-
ing on Missions in Trinity
Church Rev. G. E. Albert pastor,
Also addressed the S. S. School
& in the afternoon visited
& addressed a mission S. S.
a little distance in the coun-
try. Preached at night
in Trinity Church but not
with much freedom as
am suffering from cold.
Mond. 21 Came home having
attended the Lutheran Pastors
association in Philadelphia
on my way. Found our
little Lizzie sick with fever

She having been unwell for some days past
Tues. 22nd At home – Lizzie no better – Am unfit for the day having not rested much last night.
Wed. 23rd Wrote a short article for the Lutheran Observer on the fact of a youthful Chinese having fallen in the battle at Gettysburgh & connection with the fact that we are about to found a Mission in ~~that~~ the land of his nativity.
Attended lecture at St Johns Church tonight – very good
Thurs. 24th Received a brief letter from Geo. Steigerd via,

England — His health much improved — Mrs. Weigeld also better Mission as usual — Sends an order for the Mission.
Wrote out some brief notices for the papers — of the present State of the Mission.
Wrote letters to Rev. Oct & L. A. Gotwald.
Frid. 25th Reading — having begun the perusal of Morell's History of Philosophy — Am much interested in it.
Sat. 26th Came to Harrisburgh to present the subject of Missions in the Lutheran Churches.
Sun. 27th Morning preached in the English Lutheran Church — Rev. Dr. Hays — Afternoon preached for the Colony or 2 Eng. Luth.

served by Rev. Johnston, & now
worshipping in the Senate Cham-
ber of the Capitol - & again
at night for Dr. Hay's Peopl.
Lodged with Mr. Felix, a
very kind family indeed.
Have been unwell all day -
Mond. 28d Came home - am
too uncomfortable to do
any thing today.
Tues. 29th At home - am
more comfortable today.
Wed. 30th Came here - Mil-
ton Pa. to attend the
meeting of the East Penn-
sylvania Synod. Now lodge
with Mr. Mosteller -
Tonight heard the Presid-
ent of Synod Rev. Wedeki-
nd preach a very

earnest discourse –

Thurs. Oct 1st 1863

Still at Milton – Spoke briefly to the Synod during the afternoon on the business relating to our missions & at night at the Missionary Anniversary addressed the audience on the obstacles & encouragements in the particular fields in which we as a church are laboring. The meeting was an interesting one & the Synod was more earnest in its expressions in favor of missions than ever before when I

have ~~met~~ with it.

Frid. Oct 2nd Came home from Milton - in order to go to the convention of the Synod of New Jersey.

Sat Oct. 3rd Rose this morning before three o'clock & took the early train for Philadelphia - but the train being behind time I did not make the connection for Belvidere & hence am kept here till three & a half this afternoon. Visited some of the brethren - also the Colonization Office &c. Came this evening to Mrs Becks near Belvidere - where tonight I lodge.

Sund Oct 4th Walked this morning from bro. Becks to Centreville - was kindly received by bro. Burrell now in charge of St Pauls church in this place. - Afternoon addressed two Sunday Schools assembled with many others in St Pauls church - The house densely crowded - but the audience very attentive while I addressed them for more than an hour.
Evening heard Rev. Barclay.
Mond. Oct 5th Spoke briefly this morning to the Synod on the subject of our foreign missions & at the request of the brethren of the Synod of New Jersey I spoke at

the anniversary of the Home Missionary Society of the Synod tonight

Tues. Oct 6th Went in company with some members of the M. J. Synod, to the Delaware Water Gap some 8 or 9 miles north of this place - The Scenery is very grand.

Wed. 7th Rbt ~~bro.~~ Burrells will remain over here today

Thurs. 8th visited Mr. Deitrick at Williamsburg 3 miles distant.

Frid. 9th Wrote an article for the Lutheran Observer - Addressed Pupils of the Academy

Sat. 10th A very rainy day.

Reading a little — Have been thinking much during the week of absolutely resigning my agency — am weary of this sort of life — would be glad to remain more at home.

Sund. Oct 11th Morning preached at Mt. Sinai Church Northampton Co. Pa. — afternoon Spoke to a Sunday School & large gathering of other people at a School House in the vicinity — Evening preached at Centreville.

Mond. 12th Rose at 3 Oclock & rode to the R. R. at Belvidere & took the cars for Phila. Thence home. All pretty well

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Tues. 13 In the present circumstances of the Country I have felt it my duty to come home for the purpose of voting & have now attended to that duty.
Evening – At bro. Wedekinds in company with Revs. Conrad, Heck, Albert & Wedekind – a pleasant time.
Wed. 14 Rose at 3 O'clock & took Cars for Philadelphia & thence for this place New-York – to attend a Committee Meeting – arrived here at noon – found the Committee in session.
Remained in session after dinner till night – had a Missionary Meeting in

the Lecture Room of St James Church tonight & after that held another meeting of the Committee at which the business was closed up for this meeting. I regret that we did not remain together longer.

The Committee concluded not to send bro. Rice to ~~Cath~~ Africa this fall as bro. Vei=gel's health has so much im=proved. I lodge with that most kind family - the Ockes hausens.

Thurs. 15th Wrote home & spend the rest of the day attending to a few little matters for friends & at the Rooms of the American Missionary As=

sociation
Frid 16th Visited Rooms of the American Board — Saw the Cabinet - not large but a great variety - visited Mr. Ockershausens Sugar Refinery & was shown the process of refining ~~it~~ - think the principles might be used in simple way to partially refine the sugar of Liberia on the plantations — This evening came out to Allendale Station near Rev. Deyoes - & lodged with a member of his Mr. Rowel near the Station as it rained all the afternoon.

Sat. 17th Walked over to Bro. Deyoes, with whom I am to Spend the Sunday.

Sund. 18th Morning Lctured briefly to the S.S. at Christs Church & then preached at the same place. Afternoon Preached at Zions Church & lectured same place again in the evening.

Mond 19th Took the early train for New-York - thence in the afternoon for Philadelphia & thence in the night for home. - All pretty well.

Tues. 20th to Frid. 23rd at home. Fred Started early from Lan. for Philadelphia - attended to some business

with the treasurer Martin Buchler & others & left for Bethlehem Pa. arrived late no train to Easton - lodged at a mean hotel slept very little -

Sat. 24 Rose early - took train for White House N. J. was detained 3 hours at Easton reached White-house before noon no stage to New Germantown till night - rain pouring down all day - got to ride in a wagon to Germantown 4½ miles. Reached bro. Dey's at dark -

Sund. 25 Forenoon preached in Zion's Church New german town N. J. Afternoon spoke to the S. S. School & then

was brought by bro. Guy to this place German Valley where I Spoke in bro. Miller's Ch. also called Zions at night. Took tolerably good collection in each place. The Luther an Church at New German town is one of the oldest Lutheran organizations in the U. S. & the edifice in which they worship was built about the year 1747 - the building has been remodeled - & is a good substantial Stone Struc ture. Zions Church at Germ an Valley is I think the finest Church edifice that I know of in our entire

church in the country or small village—it far surpasses many of our city churches. Each of these two Charges composed of one congregation, has a comfortable parsonage with a fine lot of good ground & the pastors appear to have around them almost every comfort & convenience. How different from many of our poor preachers in the West!

Mond. 26th At German Valley—not very well—having slept but little last night.

Tues. 27th Visiting some persons near German Val-

ley—Lectured in the Lu=
theran Church at night.
Wed. 28th Visited one or
two families in the lower=
part of the valley & got
a few dollars additional
to the collection for For=
eign Missions. The people
here however are not
much interested in
this cause. Their pastor is endea=
voring to awaken an
interest among his people
on this subject.
Thurs. 29th Spent forenoon
at & near German Valley—
Lectured at New Germantown
tonight—people very atten=
tive—With bro. Guy.

Frid. Oct. 30 — Came over to Spruce Run Church Hunterdon Co. N. J. Lodged with Rev. Strobel
Sat. 31 At Spruce Run.
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Morning addressed the S. S. & then preached at Spruce Run Church. Afternoon Rode a few miles to New Hampton School House — then rode some 8 miles to High bridge Church & preached at night — Lodged with Mr. G. P. Apgar.
Mond. 2 Came home. Found numerous letters — one from bro. Kistler at Muehlenberg Mission

dated Aug. 27th — He was well & much pleased with the Mission — Mrs. Heigerds health is still feeble & she will likely return home this fall.

Tues. 3rd At home — Wrote to Rev. Sonderburg, Dr. Morris, Rev. Reck, Jas. Walker, & Rev. Barnitz

Wed. 4th At home wrote to bro. Rice — telling him that as we were not prepared to send him to Africa & as he had a call to a field in this country ~~that~~ I thought he would do right to accept it. Attending to various home duties.

Thurs. 5th At home.

Frid 6th At home — Wrote ~~to~~

out extracts from bro. Kistlers letter for the "Observer" & Lutheran & Missionary" — Writing some here during the afternoon. —
To day finished reading Bushnell's Christian Nurture — an invaluable book. — Have been much instructed & edified by it.
Sat 6th Came down to Phila. to spend Sunday with Dr. Seiss & his people. — Visited Colonization Rooms & several other places — transacted some business with Mr. Buehler — called on Rev. Krotel & arranged to speak to his people tomorrow night

Sunday Nov. 8th Morning preached at St Johns Church Afternoon addressed the S.S. of that Church & at night preached at St Marks Church. Have not been in a good mood for speaking today & am far from being satisfied with my days work. May the Lord help me to feel a deeper interest in the holy cause for which I ~~am~~ labor.

Mond. 9th Came home this evening - rather unwell.

Tues. 10th Slept but little last night - This forenoon left home for Conference at Arendtsville Adams Co. Pa.

was kept one hour on the ferry boat - a flat towed by a small steam tug - the wind being very strong & cold - landed at Weightsville very much chilled & feeling otherwise uncomfortable - Toothache & neuralgia in my head among the ailments - Reached Gettysburg about 7 Oclock -

Wed. 11th Rested very little last night - had a tooth extracted this morning - only partial relief. - feeling so unwell & learning that many of the Members of the Corps era would not be at ~~Sa~~ Sands ville, I concluded not to go up. So I lodge tonight

with Dr. Schucker; who is very kind.

Thurs. 12th Came down to Oxford — stopped with bro. John R. Wersh — who took me to Abbotts town to see bro. Hauer — Made arrangements to visit bro. Hauer's charge in three weeks — Came back to bro. Wersh's where tonight I remain. This is one of the most intelligent & kind men that I have met for many a day. How refreshing to meet so good & reasonable a man. We had a long conversation on the affairs of the church —

Frid. 13th Came over by hack from Oxford to Petersburgh — to Rev. P. Raby's. Kindly

received - will spend the next two Sundays with him.
Sat. 14th At Petersburg.
Sund. 15 Very rainy - Rode to Hampden in the morning only a few persons at the Church on account of the rain - no services.
Afternoon preached at St Pauls Chr near Pine Town - Small attendance on account of the rain. Liberal contribution for the number? Night preached or rather lectured at Petersburgh.
Mond. 16th Attended a funeral with Rev. Raby at St. Pauls Church - at night lectured at St Pauls.

Tues. 17th Visited several sick persons with bro. Raby & Preached at Hampden to a small audience of as indifferent a people to the claims of missions as I ever addressed. No success. people averse to the whole idea of For. Missions. Bro. Raby sick & unable to attend the meeting
Wed. 18th Came to Petersburg. reading some during the afternoon in Bledsoe's Theodicy. A good work which I have been carrying with me & reading at intervals for the last few weeks.

Thurs. 19 This being the day appointed for the dedication of the National Cemetary at Gettysburg & being only a few miles from the place this morning, attending a funeral with Bro. Raby I went into town with him & heard the concluding part of Hon. Edward Everetts noble oration & also heard all of the earnest pertinent dedicatory remarks of the President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. God bless our honest noble min-

ded President – for his candor & earnestness of character for his devotion & industry in the work before him & also for his faith in the right & for his breadth of view & policy history will give him a prominent place among the rulers of great nations. [redacted] burial was immense & the order truly commendable.
Returned to York Springs late at night.
Frid. 20th Wrote to Revs. Kohler, Stoney, Ehrenfeld, Williams & Reiser. Evening rode to neighborhood of Chestnut

Grove Church & there preached in evening - A good attendance & serious attention - hope that some good was done - Lodged with a Mr. Zigler - a good man.

Sat. 21st Bro. Raby having an appointment for Communion at this - Grove Ch- on tomorrow we hade the preparatory services appointed for this afternoon but has rained hard most of the day & therefore the attendance was small - But I spoke briefly & with some apparent effect to the few who were present. Had appointment for tonight

but on account of the rain
recalled it & came into Peters-
burg, where I received a letter
from my dear wife. She
much laments my absence,
& seems to be sad & discour-
aged in regard to her
efforts in the training of
our children - especially
of Alice the oldest - of whom
we had entertained in
times past a hope that
she was a Christian, but
whose conduct recently has
shown that our opinion
was wrong. I too feel much
perplexed & grieved by the
faults she has manifested.
May God lead her into
true repentance & saving faith!

Sunday Nov. 22nd Morning rode 6 miles with Bro. Ruby to Bermudian Ch. & there presented the cause of our Missions & got a fair collection for the size of the audience. Rode 5 miles to Grove Church - preached a Communion discourse & aided in administering the Lord's Supper - then briefly stated the condition of our Missions & took Contributions - Evening preached on Missions in Petersburg & took a contribution.

Mond. Nov. 23. Rose at 4½ oclock & took hack for Oxford - got breakfast at Bro.

John Welshes & then rode with Bro. Alex. Welsh to Oxford. where I am to remain till next Sunday Bro. Hauer having appointments for preaching each night during the week wishes me to preach at least part of the time. Preached tonight, but not with much interest. I do desire to do some good here during the week may God help me! Wrote this afternoon to my dear wife.

Tues. 24th A Rainy day — & unpleasant evening — Preached at this place — Mottstown to a small audience

Wed. 25 Still at Abbottstown— Preached tonight to a tolerably large number of people. More interest than heretofore.

Thurs. 26th This being the day appointed by both the President of the U. S. & the Governor of this State for public thanksgiving I attended & conducted the exercises at this place. Spoke briefly on the propriety & importance of this observance & the special causes we have for thanksgiving to God— Took dinner with bro. Wolf— Preached at night with some interest— I had

very good attention.
Frid. 27th Reading a good part of the day - Preached again tonight - audience attentive & solemn.
Sat. 28th Wrote to Rev. Gotwald - Finished reading Bledsoes Theodicy - Upon the whole the most satisfactory treatise on the Free Agency of Man - The existence of moral evil & the justice of eternal punishment that I have ever read. Could not fully without further thought & examination adopt some of his most important positions. Have been benefitted much by the work.

Rainy today - Preached again tonight.
Sund. 29th Forenoon, preached at Berlin & got a subscription of about $23. Pretty good for the number present - considering the want of liberality in our churches generally. Afternoon preached on Missions at Abbottstown & got contribution of $31. Much more than the people expected I would ~~be~~ get. Evening rode with bro. Wolf to Oxford & preached here tonight - not a large attendance - good attention - Contribution upwards of $31 - very good. Lodge with bro. John Hersh.

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Mond. Nov. 30th Came home this evening - having all day on the road in consequence of the failure of Balt. train to make connexion. Thanks to Our Heavenly Father we are all well.

Tuesday

Dec. 1st Arranging accounts - forwarding acknowledgments & remitting a balance to the treasurer - Writing letters & attending to various home duties.

Wed. Dec. 2nd Abt home -

Thurs. 3rd Wrote letters to Revs. Heigerd & Kistler & copied them.

Frid. 4th Abt home.

Sat. Came to New Holland
Sund 6th Lectured in the morning to the S. School
Preached forenoon — Preached at night all at New Holland.
Mond 7th Came home — had company.
Tues. 8th At home.
Wed. 9th At home — had visitors
Thurs. 10th At home
Friday ~~Wed.~~ 11th Wrote to Mr. Kri-gert — Left home for Littles-town Pa. to operate for Missions. Arrived here a little after dark & found that Rev. Henry had made no appointments for me or in any way prepared

the case for me to operate although he had previously agreed to my coming & I had written to him three weeks before, & had requested that if the time would not suit he would write to me & I would go elsewhere. He however neither wrote nor made any arrangement. He preaches German about half of the time in each of his three churches but could easily have changed his German appointments into English or could have made additional ones. He however did neither nor did he write to me not to come.

Thus often I must lose my time just through the indifference of the pastors. It was at once plain to me that Rev. Nunzy neither desired me to be at his house nor to speak to his people. I therefore having found an opportunity of going tomorrow morning to Janey-town Md. whence I can go by Stage to Emitsburg will leave early in the morning for the former place. I lodge tonight with Mr. Miller, having requested Rev. Hexer to take me to one of his members.

Sat. 12th Came this morn-
ing with a Mr. Krohler
of Fred. Co. to this place
Taneytown Md. Met Bro.
Williams—as kind as ever
& he promises to send me
to Emmitsburg earlier than
the Stage goes. I have alrea-
dy arranged to spend Sund.
after next with him.
Afternoon—went to Emmitts
burg—Bro. Gotwald gone to
Millerstown—no appointment
at Emmittsb. for tomorrow—
Came back to spend Sunday
here—leaving a note that I
would spend next Sunday with
bro. Gotwald. On coming here
learned from Balt. Papers that
the M. C. Stevens has arrived

from Africa. Must therefore go down Monday Morning.
Sund. 13th Rainy morning - Roads covered with water. Preached to a few people in Luth Ch. at Taneytown & also to a small audience in a country church 6 ms. off afternoon - Streams very full & difficult to ford. Lectured in town at night. Retire sad & disheartened at the little that I am able to do.
Mond. 14th Rose early & took stage long before day light for West Minster Md. thence to Baltimore by Cars. Reched Balt. at nine - Went direct to the P. O. to stop

my letters from Africa from going on to Lancaster but was too late—they had been mailed a few minutes before—Great disappointment. Went then to Capt. Focke's to see Mrs. Weigand who had just come ashore—Was too late again. She had just gone with Rev. Pinney to the depot for New-York. Hurried to the depot—the cars just moving off—Spoke to Mrs. Weigand—could not even learn how the health of all was from her, but obliged to leave the cars & let her go on. Another sore disappointment—Had a short conversation with Capt. Focke

I learned that the State of affairs at the Mission is encouraging. Learned from Dr. Hall that the Stevens will not return during the winter & that a Ship will go from New-York about the first of Jan. Are therefore obliged to recall all my appointments even in this region & return home at once to make preparations for Mrs. Kistler's Sailing, from New-york. With a sad heart have written letters to several brethren recalling my appointments & now am going home during the night.

Tues. 15th Reached home this morning at half past 4 Oclock— All well— thank God!.

Have received letters from Bros. Heigerd & Kistler at Muehlenberg Mission. They are encouraging & bro. Heigerds especially are most perti-nent & sensible & with all so full of humble devotion to the work that my eyes filled with tears & my heart throbbed with emotion of mingled joy & sorrow as I read this simple & touching epistle. Oh that the Lord would long spare his valua-ble life. Of all the men whom I have ever known as

Missionaries Bro. Weigand is the most prudent non-selfish & persistently zealous in the work. We may hardly ever expect to procure another such spirit. — Write to Mrs. Kistler, Mrs. Weigand & Rev. Singley. Also to Messrs Yates & Porterfield & to my bro. Thomas. — Revs. Miller, Strobel, Guy, & Burrell.
Wed. 16th At home
Thurs. 17th At home — commenced writing an article intended for the Review
Frid. 18th At home — Writing some. This evening

received a letter from Mrs. Kistler stating that on account of the illness of her babe, that has never been well she will not be able to go out to the Mission on the next ship from New-York. Thus all my arrangements are again broken up!

Sat. 19th Came over to-day to this place - Lan-ville - to Rev. Sentmans charge, having before had the promise from him that at some time during the winter I should speak in his charge. Found him at home & very cordial

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Sund. 20th Preached this morning at St. Matthew's Church & this afternoon at Sumville & took subscriptions each place, tolerably good for the size of the Churches. After services this afternoon came home with bro. Gilbert so as to be near the R. R. in the morning.

Mond. 21st Came home after going to Philadelphia & making some purchases for my family - A Sewing Machine being the principal.

Tues. 22nd At home - Wrote

time — letters &c.
Wed 23 At home — wrote to John Schrack Esq. of Mansfield O. & to Mrs. Kistler.
Thurs. 24th At home — Received a letter from James Walker Esq. of Bellefontaine O. inclosing a draft for $577 which he collected by law process of Mr. Harrauff to whom I had lent mission money years ago & who has done all that he could to defraud the mission. Am glad that the thing at last is ended. Wrote to Walker. Also to S. A. Bowman; & G. C. Griffin.

Frid 25th This Christmas day I remain at home. Attended religious Services at St. Johns Church. Received brief letters from Revs. Heigard & Kistler in Africa. News encouraging.

Sat 26th Came over this morning to Philadelphia where I make some purchases for the mission & after spending Sunday somewhere about this place to go on to New-York on Monday or Tuesday to complete the purchases & ship them to the mission.

Sund. 27th Preaching in St. Michaels Church at Germantown. Lectured to

the Sund. School & preached at night. The evening is very rainy.

Mond. 28th Came down to Philadelphia this morning through a heavy rain & made some additional purchases. Lodged at Dr. Kiffe's

Tues. 29 Finished the purchases & at 2½ took cars for New=York - Found Mrs. Weigand at her brothers & had a long conversation with her about the state of the mission - she is very hopeful about it, but is now suffering very much & cannot possibly return during the winter.

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Wed. 30th Purchased what additional articles were needed & arranged for putting all on board. Evening attended a Christmas Tree gathering at St James Lutheran Church made a short address with several others. Lodged with Mr. Ockershausen.

Thurs. 31st Writing letters to the Mission ~~This~~ Having long thought that I would once go to the Theatre, if I had some proper company, I mentioned the fact to Br. Ockershausen & he

stated that both he & Rev. V. D. Conrad had been speaking also of Going — & he after Speaking again to bro. C. arranged for us to go & procured tickets. So we went tonight — The play was moral — as most are said to be at Winter Garden — but yet it is not the place for me. I do not regret that I went, as I gained my object in going — that is merely to see what it is Frid.

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Was writing part of

the day - evening visit Mrs. Weigerd & several others. The evening very cold.

Sat. Jan 2nd Spent a long time today in trying to get some Mission Goods which have been at the Depot Pier No. 1 for several days, but could not succeed. The employees in the Depot I am certain must aside & scatter freight so as to get a special reward for hunting ~~them~~ it up & delivering it to draymen. I have been much vexed today.

This evening closed my letters to the Mission.
Sund. Jun. 3 Preached this morning at St. James Church on the Subject of African Missions - After-noon preached same place again & briefly ad-dressed the S. School. At night went to Brook-lin & preached in the Mission Church served by Bro. Kuhns & then came back to Mr. Ock-ershausen's to lodge - these people are exceedingly kind.
Mond. 4th Took cars for Philadelphia at 2 O'clock but coming upon a break-

down was long detained
& did not reach Phia.
till after 9 oclock at
night — & having taken
cold on Saturday, it
was increased by the
crowded & uncomfortable
condition of the cars &
on reaching Phia, I was
very uncomfortable.
But having business
here before going home
& all places of business
now being closed I am
obliged to remain till
tomorrow.
Tues. Jan 5th Rose early
attended to business with
Mr. Buehler & others &
at 11.40 took cars for

home. Reached it half past 2. Too sick to do anything

Wed. Jan 6th Was in bed all day - Sore throat - headache - pains & soreness of muscles.

Thurs. 7th Up again this afternoon - Wrote to Mr. Buehler remitting $53.27 cash & acknowledgements for that & $130. more paid him day before yesterday - Wrote to Rev. Burrell & Mr. Baughman.

Fri. 8th Still unwell cannot go out of the house - wrote to Dr. McGill, Liberia.

also a letter Prof. Stoever inclosing $6. & one to Luth. Observer inclosing $2.
Sat 9th Wrote letters & also recommenced an article for the Evangelical Review.
Sund 10th at home all day - still very hoarse.
Mond. 11. Remitted $105.25 to Martin Buehler [illegible]. Will remain over this week at home - to aid bro. Wedekind at a Communion on Sunday, if well enough.
Tues. 12th Wrote five letters.
Wed. 13th Writing - Lectured at night for bro. Wedekind

Thurs. 14th Writing home.
Frid 15 — At home — Preached in the evening for bro. Wedekind.
Sat. 16th Reading & writing.
Sund 17th Preached in the morning for bro. Wedekind & at night aided him in administering the Lords Supper.
Mond. 18th Writing
Tues. 19th Sent $ 44.09 to M. Buehler Treas.
Wed. 20th Writing
Thurs. 21st Sent off extracts of Mission letters to the Observer & Lutheran & also an article to Prof. Stoever for the Ev. Review.

Frid. 22nd Wrote to Yates & Porterfield in reply to a letter received today.

Sat. 23rd. Took the 1 Oclock train this morning for Indiana Pa. & arrived here this evening about 8 Oclock—having stopped at Blairsville to make arrangements for preaching there next Sunday—tomorrow week.

Sund. 24th Spoke briefly to the S. S. here—Zions Church, Indiana in the morning—also preached on Auspicious same Church in the forenoon—took a good contribution—Evening heard Rev. Williams of Blairsville preach a good discourse.

Mond. 25th Came direct to Pittsburg today to see Rev. Newman & make some arrangements for beginning here a special effort in behalf of the proposed Chinese Mission — but finding that some of the principal men are absent & that it would be well perhaps to have an interview with the council of the Pittsb. Church — Rev. Hills — have postponed the effort till next week. Tonight went to hear John Gough lecture on Eloquence — pretty good — his manner of taking off some grievous faults in public speakers is ~~[illegible]~~ admirable.

Tues. 26th Came up this afternoon to Freeport to help Bro. Brown at a meeting for a few days. Preached here tonight to an attentive audience.

Wed. 27th Wrote letters to Revs. Conrad, Schmauk, Wedekind, Reimensnyder & Hukins & also to Mr. Buehler & Mrs. Kistler - Am to preach here tonight - Preached there this forenoon.

Thurs. 28th Preached this morning at Freeport & there wrote a letter to Dr. Greenwald. This afternoon came down to Rob-burgh on my way to Blairsville & here received

a letter from my wife all well at home—have much reason for gratitude that we all keep so well! Write to my wife & little ones.

Frid 29th Rose early & took Cars before day light for Blairsville from which place rode 6 ms. to Luther Chapel & preached at 11 Oclock A. M. Afternoon returned & lectured in the Lutheran Church of Blairsville.

Sat. 30th Walked out to Luther Chapel & preached at 10 Oclock A. M.—Afternoon returned to Blairsville leaving Bro. Williams the pastor at Luther Chapel where he has Communion tomorrow.

Sund. Jan 31st Preached forenoon & took subscription for Missions & preached in the afternoon again at 3 Oclock — Visited & spoke briefly to the Sunday School. Lodged while here with Bro. Richardson, a kind brother & his wife is just as kind.

Mond. Feb. 1st 1864.
Came down to Pittsburgh this morning intending to commence soliciting donations privately for the Chinese Mission. ~~Opened or~~ visited & talked with a few men, but find that owing to the Churches

being just now engaged in an effort to raise money for the purchase of a lot on which to build a new Church, a general effort in behalf of the Chinese Miss ion will not succeed well. Have concluded only to start a list of subscribers of $100. on condition that ten names are obtained here & elsewhere. Wrote some letters. Received various letters - some from the Miss. in Africa which indicate that some trouble is brewing between the brethren there - which may the Lord prevent!

Feb. 2nd Tuesday. Wrote a short letter to the Lutheran Observer - also some other letters - Rev. Senderling &c. Commenced the $100 Subscription & obtained three names - all perhaps that can be had here.

Wed. Feb. 3. Visited a number of persons & spoke with them in regard to the Ship. Received no more $100 subscriptions, but expect hereafter to get one more here at least & perhaps several smaller subscriptions - Wrote to Rev. Ehrenfeld - Lectured tonight for Rev. R. Hill.

Thurs. 4th Writing Quarter-ly Report. Also wrote to Revs. Helling & Bene-dict.

Frid. 5 Left Pittsburgh early in the morning for Leech-burgh - walked 6 miles from the Station on the Al-legheny Valley R. R. to Leechburg.

Sat. 6th Went with Rev. Mc Kee to the neighborhood of one his churches - the South Bend Church - 16 ms distant from Leechburg. The roads very muddy & weari-some to our horses. Lodged with Mr. Robert Towns-end - a very gentlemanly & kind man, who is a

member of the church.
Sund. 7th Preached forenoon
in the South Bend Church
& took Sub. of $36. Rode
7 mi. to St Michaels Ch.
Stopping for dinner with
Bro. Helfery, & preached at
2½ oclock afternoon got
Sub. of $27. Rode hastily
to Leechburg 11 miles &
preached at night. Hav=
ing taken cold some days
ago do not feel well.
Mond. 8th Leechburg, Wrote
a short communication
for the Observer. Preached
for bro. Hubers at night.
Tues. 9 Preached in the fore
noon & at night here
Leechburg Pa.

Wed Feb. 10 Preached forenoon at Leechburg & at 2 Oclock started on horse-back for Freeport Pa. Thence to Pittsburgh & thence home same night

Thurs. 11th Reached home this morning near 9 Oclock. Found all all well-how merciful is our Heavenly Father! Received several letters & money enclosed in them. Wrote to Revd Sentman & Baker & Also to Martin Buehler remitting $ 120.90 – Paid Rev. Conrad 2 dollars for Luth Observer

Frid. 12th Wrote to Dr. Kurtz Went to Columbia & lectured there at night on

Western Africa.
Sat 13 Came home this morning - wrote to Rev. Scudding & Mr. M. Buch ler asking for $50 for Mrs. Kestler & remitting very due bill for the amount till the Committee meets.

Sund. 14th Morning preached on missions in Trinity Church - afternoon visited the Sunday Schools of this church & at night preached on missions in St Johns Church preparatory to an effort privately here in behalf of the Chinese mission. May the Lord help us.

Mond. 15 After preparing a subscription book for bro. Newman to use in the German Church I set out among the members of the English Churches & obtained subscriptions amounting to $140. Bro. Newman, accompanied by the pastor of the German Church procured upwards of $60 which is encouraging.

Tues. 16th Soliciting donations to Chinese Miss. Procured upwards of $50. Wrote to Mrs. Kistler sending her $50.

Wed. 17th Procured a few more small contributions to the mission this forenoon. Afternoon writing at ^voluntary^ report of my

operations. Lectured tonight
for Bro. Wedekind — Very
Cold weather — only a
small number of people
present — This is one of
the coldest nights of
the winter.

Thurs. 18th Got a few more
small contributions to the
Germ. Mission — finished
my Quarterly Report &
made preparations for
leaving here for Philadel
phia & thence to Easton Pa.

Frid. 19th Came to Philadelphia
handed over to treasurer
$70 for Chinese Mission.

Sat. 20th Came to Easton
& made arrangements

for tomorrow
Sund. 21st Morning Spoke briefly in both Lutheran Sunday Schools here, Easton Pa. Preached forenoon in Christs Church - Afternoon Lectured to colored people in Lecture Room of Christs Church & preached at Night in St. Johns Ch.
Monday 22. Commenced Soliciting donations for the Chinese Mission with hard effort & by having many rebuffs got by night a little more than $50.
Tues. 23rd Procured a few more contributions - & having now visited all the members

of Christs Church here, I prepare to leave for New-York to attend a meeting of the Ex. Com. May the Lord direct us in our deliberations & actions!

Wed. 24th

Committee Meeting New-York— Arrived here last night at 11 Oclock— Lodged at ~~the~~ French's Hotel. Met with the Committee this morning at 9 Oclock The Committee passed the following, among others

Res. That while we do not see the importance or necessity of a canvas, we give him permission to

purchase one, if he wishes at a cost of not more than $30.

Res. That we approve bro. Officers answers to letters from African Mission.

Res. That in view of the ~~probability~~ probable necessity of enlarging the African Mission, that Bro. Officer see if ~~he~~ another missionary can be obtained, & that he prepare plans & estimates for the necessary buildings.

Res. That the question of the size of the lots on the reserve be left to the missionaries - with the recommendation that if they give the boys but

five acres, that they claim their other five acres elsewhere" —

Closed Committee meeting about 5 O clock visited Mrs. Weigerd & found her very feeble — I fear she will never return to the Mission —

Evening procured two Subscribers of $100. each to the Chinese Mission & of $50. Spoke briefly at Missionary meeting at night Take cars at midnight for Philadelphia.

Thurs. 25th Reached Philadelphia before day light — Spent forenoon in trying to find some persons who I thought would give $100. each to

the Chinese Mis. but could
not find the men at home
Came home in the afternoon
remitted a draft by Commit
tee in my favor to the
treasurer for $691.89 —
leftery due Bills amount
ing to $482.40 — amts of
Contributions to be acknowled
ged ~~ann~~ $89.75 & partial
contributions $119.74.

Frid. 26th Came to Johnstown
Pa. to preach a few evenings
for Bro. Ehrenfeld and him
at a Communion service
& also make an effort
for missions.

Sat. 27th Preach a preparatory
discourse also at night
preached again.

Feb. 84. Johnstown

Sund. 28th Morning preach ed & aided at Communion. The day very rainy & disagreeable audience not so large as it otherwise would have been. At night spoke on Missions & took contribution of upwards of $26. Night very dark & rainy.

Mond. 29st Came down to Pittsburgh to complete the effort for the Chinese Mission. Met Father Heyer visited bro. Roth to consult about making application to his Church for Mission aid. Lodge with bro. Hill.

Tues.

March 1st Pittsburgh—
Wrote to Yates & Porterfield,
to Rev. J. M. Rice, & to Mr.
N. Attemus. Evening went
~~March 2nd At Pittsburg till~~
~~me~~ to Greensburg to see about
operating in his church
Wed. 2nd Came down from
Greensburg to Pittsburg.
Lectured at night for
Rev. Hill. Attempted du-
ring the day to pro-
cure some large contribu-
tions to the Chinese Miss.
but did not succeed.
Thurs. 3rd At Pittsburgh
intending to go to Greens-
burg last of the week—
Wrote letters to Revs. Weig=

erd & Kistler at Muhlenburg Mission.
Frid 4th Procured subscription of $50 for African Miss.
Sat. 5th Came very early this morning from Pittsburgh to Greensburgh.
Sund. 6th Preached in the Lutheran Chr. of that place -Greensburg- & took contribution of $53. Afternoon addressed the S.S. which made a donation to Af. Miss At night Spoke again on Missions in Western Africa
Mond. 7th Came home to-day found all pretty well - found letters from M. Buehler, Rev. Rice,

Rev. Lazarus, Yates & Porterfield
& from Rev. J. Kistler at Muhl
enberg Mission — stating that
the work prospers, but
that bro. Heigard's health
fails & he must soon come
home. & also a letter from
Rev. Sunderling
Tues. 8th — at home — wrote to
Rev. Rice & Rev. Fleck. — Even
attended meeting Jun. Mis.
Soc. & spoke briefly.
Wed. 9th Wrote short account
of state of Muhlenberg Mission
for each of the two Church
papers. Wrote to Rev. E. Schw-
artz de Soto Ill. remitting
$3 to pay tax on my small
lot of land there. Wrote to
James Walker.

Thurs. 10th Solicited donations from a few persons at Lancaster for Chinese Mission. Wrote to Mr. Diller at New Holland & to Mr. M. Buehler - remitting him $20 for China Mission & a Check of $50 to loan to him for a time.

Frid 11th At home - Our little Kittie who has been sick for some days is still so ill that we have little rest at night.

Sat 12th Kittie seems no better; but I must attend to my appointments & there fore this morning left home for Lewistown - stopping on the way at Duncannon to see Mrs. Kirk

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ler – Having received a letter just before leaving home from my aged mother stating that she & my two sisters & brother-in-law were about to remove to north western Ohio & into a part of the country not at all healthful I have today felt very sad & dispondent. And having left our dear little Lizzie quite sick I am very uneasy about her. O that I could be more at home! Am weary indeed of this traveling.

Sund. 13 Preached this morning in the Lutheran Church here, but felt that the people did not sympathize

with me — They did not contribute liberally & I now feel that I have not Succeeded well today. May the Lord help me! May he guide me for I am much perplexed at times about my continuance in this work. Preached again tonight a large audience.

Mond. 14th Bro. Rice with whom I have been correspond-ing relative to his going to Africa came in here last night ac-cording to appointment & this morning we have had a talk on the subject he is entirely will-ing to go — but having agreed to give his charge notice of his leav-ing three months in advance

~~the~~ & there being now not more than two months till the State will leave he cannot decide positively that he will go. — Evening went out today with Bro. Rice to speak to some of his Church Council about his leaving, but did not find them at home. Returned here Lewistown & received a letter from home stating that little Kittie is better. Thank the Lord!

Tues. 15th Came down this morning to Perryville — Reading during the afternoon.

Wed. 16th At Perryville — Perusing the Book of Isaiah with reference to its missionary teachings. Evening lectured in Lutheran Church to a large audience.

March 17th Thurs. Rode out 9 miles to St Pauls Ch. & lectured at night to a pretty full house. Lodged with a Mr. Kelly.

Fri. 18th Came back to Perryville — Read some during afternoon & Lectured here again tonight — a large audience & good attention.

Sat 19th Came up this morning to Birmingham to spend Sunday with Rev Crist. Recived a few letters — one from Dr. Ziegler recommending bro. Lazarus as a candidate for appointment to Muhlenberg Misp.

Sund. 20th Rode five miles to Sinking Valley & preached

Afternoon rode ten miles to a Church on Spruce Creek & preached at night. The day very cold & the roads rough.

Mond. 21st Came home — all well — letters from Coppinger Rice, & Kemerer — wrote to all of them.

Tues: 22nd Wrote to Bro. George Griffin, John Peters & to my sisters.

Wed. 23. At home — reading

Thurs. 24th Drew a plan & made out an estimate for a Boys House at Muhlenberg Miss.

Frid 25th Received a letter from Bro. Kistler — Encouraging — One from Bro. Rice stating that he will go to Africa — Attended Service at Trinity Church

Wrote to Mrs. Kistler, ~~M~~
Revs. Rice, Sell, Lazarus,
& Sunderling.

Having received a letter from a Committee of the Luth. Ch. at Bucyrus O. inquiring whether I would likely accept a call from that Charge—I today after some reflection replied that at present I could not say any thing definite—Could not answer till after meeting of General Synod, & advising if they had anyone else in view to secure him.

Sat. 26th Went to Chambersburg.

Sund 27th Preached Forenoon at Chambersburg—Lectured

Afternoon to S. S., & at night Preached again.

Mond: 28th Came home from Chambersburg – Wrote to Dr. Strobel.

Tues. 29th At home – wrote to Thos. M. Dillon of Springfield Ill.

Wed. 30th At home – a very stormy day. Wrote short extracts from Br. Hotters letter for the Lutheran & Missionary. Wrote to Mr. Coffman & to Martin Buehler remitting to him $50 for Ky. miss from Mrs. Nicolls. Also $4 to Jury for Phila. Ref. for Rev. J. Hotter.

Wrote to Bro. Kistler, & copied.

Thurs. 31 st At home ^wrote to Rev. Hunt^ reading.

Frid.—

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1st At home wrote to Dr.

Ziegler.

Sat. 2nd Wrote to Rev. Little

Meyer. Came to York Pa.

Sund. 3rd Morning preached

on Miss. in Rev. Lillys pul-

pit. Afternoon addressed

Sunday School of Rev. Meny-

es Church—Night preach-

ed at Rev. Menges Church.

Monday 4th Came home in

the evening.

Tues. 5th Finished soliciting

donations to Chinese Miss.

in Trinity Church Lancaster. A stormy day.
Wed. 6th Went to Philadelphia. Paid over money to Martin Buehler.
Thurs. 7th At home wrote to Bro. Rice & Messrs Yates & Porterfield also to Martin Buehler remitting money.
Frid 8 Having been disappointed in my arrangements for next Sunday I came up to Birmingham in hope that it would suit to spend the Sunday at Water Street. Other arrangements here prevent.

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Sat. 9th A very rainy day & cold — Came to Altoona & was cordially received by bro Holman who being pastor here at once agreed that I should present the Miss subject to his people tomorrow & solicit contributions.

Sund. 10th Still raining as it did all night — roads very deep — not usual attendance at Church & therefore we postponed the Collection, but I preached morning & afternoon lec=

tured to Sunday School & also lectured again at night.

Mond. 11th Came over this morning to Hollidaysburg to see if I could operate here next-time did not suit so returned to Altoona this evening.

Tues. 12th Came home. Found a letter from Yates & Porterfield stating that their next Ship will not sail for Africa as soon as before expected. Another letter from Rev. Settlemoyer advising me to go to Indiana

Co. as soon as practicable to see about the one thousand dollar legacy bequeathed to the African mission by the late Mr Blemms of Brush Valley, must go there soon. Write to Cor. Sec. of Ex. Com. recommending the erection of a Boys' Home at Muhlenberg. Bro. Rice's appointment to visit with his wife & Mrs. Kistler the first opportunity. The temporary recall of Bro. Weigard on account of ill health & the im-

provement of the present Mission house so as to accommodate two families till another house can be put up.

Wed. 13 At home.

Thurs. 14 This morning at 1 Oclock I rose & took the train for Indiana Co. to attend to the securing of the legacy bequeathed by Mr. Adam Altemus to the African Mission. Reached Indiana at about 2 Oclock & after an interview with Mr. Hildebrand & Mr. Taylor the attorney of the Executors

of Mr. Stemms I concluded to have drawn up a release or quit claim & then endeavor to procure the signatures of the heirs. Lodged with Rev. Wentz.

Frid. 15th Rose early - took the half past five train at Indiana for Homer near which one of the heirs lives, Walked to Mr. Coys - thence to Mr. Saml. Stemms & induced him to go with me to his bro. Johns - gain ed his assent & arranged to have all the heirs

who could meet at the town of Mechanicsburg tomorrow to execute the writing before a Justice of the Peace. Walked to Mechan^{g}. 4 ms. procured a horse from Rev. Settlemoyer rode to Mr. Nicholas Ableness, thence inducing him to go along I walked two miles to Edward Ableness & obtained his consent to the release. But the quit claim being drawn wrongly had to return to Millersburg to have it changed & again to consult the Attorney. Rode

to Homer. Took cars for Indiana. Saw the lawyer arranged the papers, & ~~and~~ then came to Rev. Hentz where I lodge. This has been a rainy day, & the roads are in a most horrible state,
Sat. 16th Rose for the early train went to Homer took breakfast — got my horse rode to Mr. Wolfs whose case is on hir but found her unable to go to town so we arranged to leave the pasture & outhouses go out.

Came on to Mechanicksburg—
no Squire in town—rode
a mile below & procured
one—returned & at 12
o'clock met the parties.
Except Mrs. Wolf & Carrie
Altemus who were un-
able to come. The two
Administrators, being also
heirs signified their wil-
lingness to waive their
own claim & pay all
theirs & the other parti-
cipants as soon as the
money was ready if
the others would sign
the release. They signed—
We went to Wolfs—She signed

went to Daniels - he signed
then Nicholas paid me
$ 30.00 of the legacy.
Dale with him. Today
was rainy & cold - the
wind still deeper.
Snows tonight.
Sund. 17th Went to the
Lutheran Church - two
miles off preached - went
to Rev. Settlemoyers. &
here remain for the
night. Snow & rain
very uncomfortable to
be about,
Mond. 18th Walked to
Hower 5 m. took dine

me—took cars to Indi-
ana got a letter from
home & started for
Johnstown on my way
to Lewistown to the
ordination of Bro Rice,
Lodge with Rev. Ehrenfeld.
Tues. 19th Took the early train for
Lewistown to attend the ordi-
nation of Bro. Rice as mission-
ary to Africa. Evening delivered
the Charge to him after his
ordination, Took the mid-
night train for home—All
Wed 20 well! Thank God. Wrote to
Mr. John Cunningham, & to
Mr. Wm Noeting.

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Thurs. 21 & Frid 22 At home-
Sat. 23 Came to Newville Pa.
Sund 24th Morning preached
~~at~~ in St Peter's Church-
Afternoon & at night prea-
ched in Bath Church of
Newville.
Mond 25th Came home this
afternoon-found all well-
Received a letter from Spring-
field O. Stating a very dear
little niece of mine Alice
Rogers. has departed to the
Spirit world. We all feel
the loss very much She was
a lovely child about 13
years old, May our Heavenly

Father comfort her afflic-
ted Mother & sisters & broth-
ers!

Yesterday our own bl-
ice - our oldest child was
received into connection with
St John's Lutheran Church
of this place by the pastor
Rev. A. C. Wedekind. She
is a little more than
11 years old - & therefore
young to assume the rela-
tion of Church member-
ship - but being convinced
that she has an experience
in the truth & is earnest-
ly striving to live a Chris-
tian life we have given

our full consent to her connecting herself with the Church. May the God of All Grace keep her unto everlasting life!
Tues. 26th at home.
Wed. 27 Went to Philadelphia & returned tonight. Paid over some money to the Treasurer.
Thurs. 28th at home
Frid. 29th at home – drawing plan for mission house.
Sat. 30th Came over to Mechanicsburg to visit the charge of Rev. Gehrich. Am kindly received.

Sund. May 1st 1864.
Morning rode 8 ms &
preached at Zions Church-
rode 7 ms. to New Market
& preached again at 2
O'clock - Rode 8 ms.
to Mechanicsburg & preach-
ed at ~~tonight~~. A poor
effort tonight - preached
too long & was tedious
towards the close. Feel
mortified & sorry that I
have not served the
cause better.
Mond. 2nd Came home.
Tu. 3rd Finished the
plan for the Mission
house, & wrote my

Report for the last two months as there will be a meeting of the Committee at the approaching General Synod.

Wed. 4 Came to York to attend the meeting of the General Synod. Heard Rev. Conrad preach tonight. Lodge with Rev. Menges.

Thurs. 5th Dr. Sprecher in the stead of Dr. Kurtz the retiring president preached the opening Sermon. It was very good.

Synod organized by electing Dr. Sprecher President

Frid. 6th Spent in dis-
pute concerning the ad-
mission of the Francke-
an Synod. Not admitted, till it would change its basis. not
Sat. 7th The action on the case of the Franckean
Synod reconsidered & the
forenoon occupied in
the discussion. After-
noon Preparatory Services.
Night Dr. Morris address
at the Historical Society.
Sund. 8th Attended Services
forenoon & afternoon & at
night preached in
one of the African Church
es.

March 9th Rose early this morning – have written a request that the General Synod either decide that their action connected with the transfer of the Mission does not amount to an appoint of myself as Supt. of the Mission, or if it does, to relieve me of its superintendence. We expect to have a meeting of the Committee today. May the Lord direct us! Especially may he enable me to know

what I should do! The great diversity of doctrinal position manifested in the General Synod & the consequent complaint inefficiency on that account make me feel much inclined to have nothing to do with the public enterprises of the Church.

Tuesday 10th Still at Gen. Synod. Had a meeting of the Executive Com. of For. Mis. They very much oppose my withdrawal from the For. Mis. work

Wed 11th General Synod still in session—though many have been excused & have left.
Thurs. 12 Gen. Syn. closed today—Some changes in the ratio of delegates & a change in the doctrinal basis of the Synod are about the most important acts of this session. But what they may result in is hard to tell.
The Com. have authorized me to investigate the matter of founding a Manual Labor School

among the Freedmen
of the Southern border,
& have promised to establish
such a School if they can
see the way open to do
so. I think I will
soon go down Washing-
ton & along the bor-
der of our Military
possessions & see what
can be done.
Came home this evening.
Found all well. Am
weary & dispirited.

afternoon to S. S. &c at night
preached again.
Mond. 28th Came home from
Chambersburg. Wrote to Dr.
Strobel.
Tues. 29th at home wrote
to Mr. Thos. M. Dillon—
Springfield Ill.
Wed. 30th at home & a very
stormy day.

Resolutions past May 28/62
at New-Ayak.